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American military pressure?

TEL AVIV [JTA] —
A series of developments with respect to American military supplies to Israel since the Carter administration took office has raised fears in Israeli circles that the U.S. may withhold weapons to coerce Israel into accepting its settlement plan for the Middle East.

The latest manifestation of this approach was the State Department's notification that Israel will not be included on the top priority list of American arms recipients. That list includes the NATO countries and Japan.

Israeli circles say the notification was unwarranted because Israel never has received equal or preferential treatment in weapons systems deliveries, except for the F-15 jet fighters which Israel got at the same time as West Germany.

The American statement, therefore, did not represent any change of policy but could be construed as a form of pressure, the circles said.

That view gained credibility in light of what some Israelis see as a subtle change in the American military supply relationship with Israel.

The U.S. veto of the sale of 25 Kfir jet fighters to Ecuador and the administration's request to Congress to pass legislation that would force countries exporting arms systems which include American technology to obtain permission from Washington even before approaching a potential customer, are seen here as part of the same pattern.

The requested legislation, in fact, is believed to be aimed primarily at controling Israel's arms industry.

Other disturbing developments were the Carter administration's decision not to honor President Ford's commitment to sell Israel cluster bombs and the FLIR night vision system and its refusal — after prolonged delays — of Israel's request to produce part of the 250 F-16 jet fighters it intends to buy from the U.S.

The refusal of the cluster bombs was, in fact, the first time a new administration reversed a pledge by a former administration and had the effect of narrowing Israel's military potential.

Some sources have expressed fear that the U.S. is tightening the reins on military supplies in order to soften Israeli opposition to an American-imposed Middle East peace settlement.

Despite repeated assurances from President Carter, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and other American officials that the U.S. has no intention of trying to impose a solution of the Middle East conflict, there is a gnawing suspicion here that an American plan does exist and will be unveiled sooner or later.

The sources say that all Israel can do now is lessen its dependence on American military equipment by expanding its own weapons producing capability.

Israel's largest manufacturer of weapons systems, Israel Aircraft Industries, is preparing to produce a military helicopter within the next four years and has developed blueprints for a new, sophisticated combat jet, a second generation Kfir.

The Air Force has not yet approved the plans but if the present American attitude persists it will have no choice, the sources said.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut (left), newly-chosen leader of the Canadian Jewish community, listens to Rene Levesque, prior to the Quebec premier's address to the triennial plenary assembly of Congress last week in Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Levesque repeats himself in address to Congress

MONTREAL [Staff] —
Any delegates to the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly who came expecting to hear a fresh approach to the problems facing Jews in Quebec left decidedly disappointed.

As one delegate remarked as she left the closed three-hour Quebec workshop which followed Premier Rene Levesque's speech, "Cotler was good, the rest was a lot of talk."

Prof. Irwin Cotler in his summation at the end of the "Quebec, the new reality" session on Friday, repeated what he has said a number of times before — the time is right for a reconciliation of the "two solitudes, le fait juif and le fait francais." It is not the time to despair, but to become involved in the Quebec scene.

Speakers at the session were Prof. Herbert Marx on human rights; Joel Pinsky on the response of the Jewish community; Joe Nuss on nationalism; and Bernard Finestone on business. Frank Schlesinger was chairman.

Marx is a member of the Human Rights Commission of Quebec; Pinsky is chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, Eastern Region; Nuss is chairman of the francophone department of Congress; Finestone is chairman of the Montreal Board of Trade, and Schlesinger is a member of the JCRC and the AJCS le Fait Francais committee.

Panelists were Dodo Heppner on health and welfare; Carl Laxer and Dr. Jay Braverman on education; and Joseph Benarrosh on the Sephardic community.

Among the highlights of the session, according to many who attended, was a lively oration by well-known Toronto labor leader, Max Federman, who charged that Congress was skirting the real issue — which is not language but the possible break up of Canada. Federman suggested Congress align itself with other pro-federalist groups.

One other question that stirred some reaction was from Dr. Werner Cohn of Vancouver who said it was a documented fact that French-Canadians are guilty of anti-Semitism, including Levesque. He pointed to a study by the University of Laval done several years ago of anti-Semitism in the French press.

Cohn later told The Canadian Jewish News that he felt it was time to discuss this fear in the open and not continue the "systematic suppression" of it. Cohn was told by Pinsky that a Jew in Quebec is just as at home as one in Ontario or anywhere else in Canada.

This was the general tone of the press conference with Pinsky, Nuss and Schlesinger held after the workshop. Pinsky assured the media that there is "absolutely no hysteria" in the Montreal Jewish community over Bill One. Pinsky said he based this conclusion on the more than 40 briefs from Jewish organizations and 750 interviews with individuals carried out in preparation for the JCRC's brief on Bill One.

The three stated that separatism and the language issue were no more a problem for Jews than other anglophones.

There was little discussion of Levesque's confirmation that his government would not abolish the Jewish elementary school system.

Although the statement drew wide applause, Quebec delegates afterward said they had heard "nothing new."

"Until now no one has said there would be an abolition of the Jewish schools," said Dr. Mel Schwartzben, "but the conditions the education department is asking may not make it possible to continue them. We're prepared to have the majority of secular time in French, but are not ready to give up our time for Jewish studies."

Kindergarten through grade three, now funded 60% or 80% of costs under the Private Education Act, teach 35% Hebrew, or Yiddish, 35% English and 30% French. Grades 4 through 6, still under the associate status with the Protestant school board and receiving 60% of costs, teach 35% Hebrew or Yiddish, 15% French and 40% English. The associated status is being phased out at the rate of one grade per year.

Levesque's reassurance that a Quebecker was anyone who lived in the province was met with skepticism. Schlesinger made the comment that Bill One "tends to insinuate that only francophones are Quebecois. Those studying the bill can't take his definition of Quebecois so optimistically."

Pinsky said at the press conference that he perceived the reaction of the 1,500 delegates who attended Levesque's luncheon address to be neither "positive nor negative."

"His invitation to enter a dialogue in the future is in keeping with what he told the delegation that met with him last January."

Whenever there is any "concrete" evidences of discrimination, Levesque urged the delegates to bring it to his attention immediately.

Pinsky, Nuss and Schlesinger reiterated that no position on the Quebec situation would emanate from the assembly. Congress has not and will not take a political stand. Its only role is to protect human rights, they stated.

Nuss said he doubted Congress would take a stand even if a referendum on separatism was held.

See other Congress plenary stories and pictures on pages 11, 14 and 15.

Terrebone Jews keeping mum

STE. SOPHIE, Que. —
The small Jewish community residing in the federal riding of Terrebone, north of Montreal, is keeping mum on Conservative candidate Roger Delorme.

The sprawling constituency, which stretches northward from Ste. Therese through the foothills of the Laurentians to Ste. Agathe, has about 150 Jews within its boundaries. Most can be found in the suburban municipalities of Rosemere and Lorraine, others in the farming communities of Ste. Sophie and New Glasgow.

In Ste. Therese, a yeshiva houses about 75 students and in the resort Laurentian village of Ste. Agathe, several Jewish families live the year-round.

"The Jews here don't like Delorme but they have been very quiet. We're only 150 people or so amongst 100,000, mostly French-Canadian, voters," said Willie Rudy, mayor of Ste. Sophie, now completing his fourth year in office.

"I think it would do more harm than good if the Jews here made a protest — it might only stir up anti-Semitism."

JOE BERMAN'S FRANK TALK

TORONTO —
The United Jewish Appeal will have to stop relying on emotion to carry its campaigns in the future, the 1977 UJA campaign chairman, Joe Berman, said last week.

Speaking at a UJA function honoring Israel Consul-General Shmuel Ovnat, Berman said the 1977 campaign was "the most realistic since the Yom Kippur war. It was typical of the kind of campaign we face in the future, as long as there is peace.

"The sad fact is that unless there is shooting and blood, it's hard to keep getting increases." But, he added, "I know we would rather have peacetime campaigns."

He reported that as of May 10, the 1977 campaign total was $15.3 million from 24,000 contributors. Six thousand contributors who made gifts last year totaling $4 million have not yet pledged for 1977. Berman called for a massive canvassing effort to reach this group and said that "if we get their money in, we'll at least have matched the 1976 total."

Berman listed seven key factors which, he felt, must be faced by his successors to assure the success of future campaigns:

— Many contributors are spending longer periods in Florida and are often making ancillary gifts to the Florida campaign. Toronto UJA should have its own Florida operation to make certain the Toronto campaign reaches directly to contributors there;

— A more stable basis is needed for funding the local schools and services and promotion of a separate community development fund should be part of the campaign;

— The multiplicity and overlapping of campaigns is cutting into UJA time and slowing down the canvassing to the point where the campaign drags on and on and

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Alan Gotlieb appointed undersecretary of state

OTTAWA —
Allan E. Gotlieb, deputy minister of manpower and immigration for several years, has been appointed undersecretary of state for external affairs, the second highest post in the ministry.

He joined the Canadian foreign service in 1957. In June, 1967 he was appointed assistant undersecretary of state for external affairs and legal advisor.

A native of Winnipeg, Gotlieb, 49, was a Rhodes scholar.

Co-presidency plan rejected

Plaut is unopposed for CJC's top post

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
The 11th-hour attempts by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and Prof. Irwin Cotler to convince delegates that two heads are better than one in the office of president, at least for the next three crucial years, were rejected by 65% of Congress delegates present in a dramatic vote.

The co-presidency controversy stirred one of the most articulate and exciting debates ever seen at a national Jewish community gathering. The result meant Plaut was declared president. He was unopposed.

Cotler has no official position in Congress. He turned down a proposal by Lou Ronson that the position of deputy president be created and refused to accept a nomination to run for chairman of the national executive.

Clinging steadfastly to his oft-times stated refusal to run against Plaut, Cotler withdrew in favor of Plaut after the delegates voted against an amendment to the Congress constitution to allow co-presidents.

The co-president amendment, called by law 65, read: "Effective immediately, provision be made in the general by-law for the election of two co-presidents as an alternative to a president, and that all necessary amendments be made to the by-law consequent thereto, in language to be recommended by counsel," would have to have had the support of two-thirds of the voters to be passed.

Immediately after the session, Rabbi Plaut told The Canadian Jewish News he felt "numb". Looking exhausted, the 64-year-old rabbi continued: "Irwin is a close friend. His gesture was one of personal concern and integrity."

Meanwhile, Cotler sat on the side of the room, looking every bit as exhausted. He was greeted by a stream of well-wishers with comments such as "sorry you didn't run", "very gracious gesture," "you're a beautiful person" and "we'll wait three years for you". Plaut came over and hugged him.

Cotler told The CJN he could not reconcile his desire for the presidency with running against someone he felt close to. He said he understood the wishes of the majority in the vote and added if he hadn't been a participant, he might have voted the same way.

"I was prepared to assume leadership, but for personal reasons, I would not run against Gunther."

Asked why he did not run for the number two job of executive chairman, the McGill professor replied he supported the candidacy of David Satok — "a man I respect. Simply because one concept was denied does not make another position persuasive."

There's lots of ways to serve the community, he concluded.

This marks the second consecutive time a Torontonian will be national president. Plaut succeeds Judge Sydney M. Harris.

Donald Carr chaired the session which elected Plaut. To determine the count of the large attendance of delegates, he had the group favoring the co-presidency gather on one side of the room and those opposed on the other. The decision was based on a visual count.

Most delegates had not been informed that they would be called upon to vote on the amendment at the opening luncheon Thursday and many in fact were unaware of the full significance of a co-presidency. Although the Congress officers had unanimously rejected the co-presidency proposal put forward by Plaut and Cotler 10 days earlier, the officers at a meeting the night before the opening of the plenary decided that the delegates should have the final voice.

David Satok, new chairman of the national executive, expressed the concern of many who attended the luncheon when he spoke against chairman Carr's motion to have the vote there and then.

"The program doesn't say anything about business being carried out at this luncheon. It's completely undemocratic — tickets were sold out, some delegates weren't able to come and I'm sure if people knew there would be a vote many would have attended...This is a very sad day for Congress." About 600 of the 1,000 delegates registered on Thursday were at the luncheon.

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Free society is stressed in presidential address

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

MONTREAL —
In his first address as national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Rabbi Gunther Plaut says Jews can find full expression only in a society that is free, and accepting of differences; a society which is non-coercive and which will staunchly defend the integrity of all existing educational and social institutions.

Speaking to an audience of about 600 persons and 30 media representatives, at the concluding luncheon of the 18th national plenary assembly of the CJC, his remarks were no doubt an answer to the speech two days earlier by Premier Rene Levesque.

The Quebec situation seemed to be the main talking point of 1,015 accredited delegates from across the country attending the four-day assembly. Most CJC leaders called this the most successful conference in the organization's 58-year history.

Plaut said he has a deep appreciation of the aspirations of the Quebecois for a cultural identity, but is equally resolved that Jewish identity too needs safeguarding.

The rabbi, who came to Canada nearly 16 years ago, promised in his presidential address to serve all factions — "all philosophical parts of our people with equal devotion. I will not serve one group over another."

And he promised to "make every effort to have the great and magnificent talent and devotion of my friend, Irwin Cotler, involved in the work of Congress." (See other Congress story on this page.)

Plaut, saying he wanted a CJC with which all Jews can identify, promised a rejuvenated Congress structure.

Another highlight of the closing luncheon of the plenary was the announcement that for the first time, Congress will have national women officers. Two Montrealers, Dorothy Reitman and Rosa Finestone, won elections as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Twenty-nine year old Steven Ain was formally introduced to the luncheon as the new national executive director. He succeeds Alan Rose, who moved up to the position of executive vice-president.

Other national officers are: David Satok, chairman of national executive; Charles Bronfman, associate chairman; national Vice-Presidents Leon Teitelbaum, Eastern Region; Milton Harris Central Region; Morley Globerman, Western Region, and Dr. Marvin Weintraub, Pacific Region. Regional chairmen are Dr. Mel Schwartzben, Eastern; Sam Filer, Central; Bruce Green, Western and Dr. M. Steinberg, Pacific.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Ain explained his appointment by saying the officers decided executive staff responsibilities were so great and there were so many new areas of concern, that there had to be a division — with both he and Rose having the authority to operate.

Rose's time has been freed to concentrate on political and government work, public and community relations. Ain will carry on the administration of the organization, programing and staff supervision.

Ain, a Montrealer, has been with Congress seven years, including a stint in Toronto as youth director and later associate director for community relations.

Mrs. Finestone, the new treasurer, is principal of the Solomon Shecter Academy in Montreal. She beat out Morton Besner of Montreal and Oscar Antel of Winnipeg. In the only other position in which there was an election contest, Mrs. Reitman, president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, defeated Nachum Wilchesky of Montreal.

The main speaker at the closing luncheon was federal Secretary of State John Roberts, who stated the survival of the French language is more likely to be found in a society that stretches across the country than in an isolated Quebec. He added that it would be a tragedy if in the quest for power by a group, the rights of individuals might be trampled upon.

Seated at the same table as Roberts was David Lewis, former NDP national leader, who was in attendance throughout the plenary. He said he hopes to become more involved in some Jewish areas.

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Canada against anti-Israel vote

UNITED NATIONS [JTA] —
The United Nations Economic and Social Council has approved a resolution which endorsed a report by the UN Human Rights Commission accusing Israel of mistreatment of the Arabs in the administered territories.

The vote was 34-2, with the United States and Canada opposing the resolution, and 12 abstaining.

The abstaining votes were cast by the Western nations on the council.

Two unexpected votes supporting the criticism of Israel were those of Portugal, which indicated it will establish diplomatic ties with Israel, and Mexico, which has been assuring Israel of its support in the UN after voting for the resolution equating Zionism with racism.

An Israeli mission source said Israel also was disappointed by the votes for the resolution from Argentina and Brazil.

The resolution, sponsored by Egypt, Syria and Jordan, "commended" the Human Rights Commission for "the action taken in connection with the protection of human rights in the occupied Arab territories"; and requested the commission to continue its efforts "for the protection of human rights in the occupied Arab territories."

UN observers said reports of the Human Rights Commission were usually accepted and filed with little formality and that a resolution in support for a human rights report, adopted against a particular country, was without UN precedent.

The voting followed a statement to the UN agency by Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog who called the resolution "yet another step in the apparently insatiable quest of the Arab states to collect anti-Israel resolutions in the United Nations" and one which "unmasks the reaction of the Arab states to the widespread concern of many representatives here about the selectiveness and one-sidedness of this organization in dealing with the questions of human rights."

Herzog said the absurdity of singling out Israel over conditions in prisons was made clear by the fact that Israel permits regular visits to prisoners by the International Red Cross and by its recent invitation to the International League for Human Rights to inspect conditions in prisons.

He challenged the sponsors of "this hypocritical resolution to extend the same invitation for international inspection of their own prisons." He added that "the human rights situation in the territories under Israeli administration can stand comparison with that of any society represented here, let alone of those who have sponsored and support this resolution."

Toronto director of Israel Bonds resigns his post

TORONTO —
Dr. Gilbert L. Shoham has resigned as executive director, Toronto State of Israel Bonds, after a six-month stay in that post. A spokesman in the Toronto office said Dr. Shoham's departure was for personal reasons. He returned to his home in Kansas City last week.

According to the available information, Dr. Shoham's decision to resign was prompted by the fact that his wife, who is prominent in community work in Kansas City, was reluctant to leave, as were the Shoham children. Added to this was the matter of finding suitable housing.

Pinchas Shanan, of the Bonds national office in Montreal, is acting executive director in Toronto until a permanent replacement for Dr. Shoham is appointed.

"We are sorry to see Dr. Shoham leave us," a Toronto officer said.

In its April 29 issue, The Canadian Jewish News carried a guest editorial by Dr. Shoham in which he dealt with the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the visit to Toronto of Chaim Herzog, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

Dr. Gilbert Shoham

World News

Argentine leader warns against anti-Semitism

BUENOS AIRES [JTA] — Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, president of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, has called on the Jewish community to speak out against the growing anti-Semitism in Argentina. "Our enemies must know that there no longer exists passive and silent Jewish masses," he told a DAIA plenary meeting.

However, Resnizky stressed that the government's investigation into the scandals involving the financial empire of David Graiver, a 35-year-old Argentine Jew reportedly killed in an air crash in Mexico last year, is not an anti-Semitic act. He said he was personally assured of this by Roberto Viola, head of the army's general staff, on behalf of President Jorge Rafael Videla.

But Resnizky warned that some groups in Argentina are using the Graiver case to further anti-Semitism. "We wish to state that insofar as subversion and corruption are enemies of the country, they are enemies of the Jewish community which is an integral part of the country," he declared.

The DAIA president noted that two types of groups are playing the "anti-Jewish game". He described them as anti-Semitic organizations which seek to blame all of the country's ills on Jews and "the groups of real economic power which always present the ritual offerings of the Jewish minority as scapegoats to hide the major problems which hamper the nation's development."

He said that in the Graiver case, the non-Jewish names are minimized and the Jewish names involved in the case are given major attention. He noted that blaring headlines were given to the arrest of Pedro Graiver, president of the La Plata Kehilla, and his wife, Catalina, the aunt and uncle of David Graiver, even though they tried to leave for Israel openly with tickets bought two months earlier. However, when they were released a few days later, some newspapers did not publish the story while others mentioned it in very small print, Resnizky said.

(IPPA photograph)

Zahava Vardi, 21, from Kiryat Bialik, a suburb of Haifa, is the new Miss Israel. She recently completed her army service in the engineer corps and has been attending a teacher's seminary specializing in early education training.

Arid-zone farming

Israel shows the world how

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT — Farmers in violently anti-Israel Afghanistan are now being taught Israeli methods of arid-zone farming, without, of course, being told in which country they originated.

The instructors are Europeans trained at a pilot farm 12 miles south of Beersheba, where veteran biologist Michael Evenari has shown that agriculture is possible in water-short regions by using the runoff farming system practiced in the Holy Land thousands of years ago by the Israelites, the Nabateans and the Byzantines.

Rain in the desert region below Beersheba is very scarce, averaging about four inches per year, which is less than 40% of the amount usually required to grow crops. However, the ancient inhabitants of this district developed a sophisticated system of collecting runoff water over a large catchment area, and concentrating it in relatively small cultivated farms.

In his initial experiments Prof. Evenari, of the Hebrew University and the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, actually used the same conduits laid out two millennia beforehand. But he superimposed on them a modern water distribution system of pipes and concrete channels so that after the water has been measured at the entrance to the farm it can be directed to accurately levelled experimental plots.

Crops grown by Evenari include almonds, pistachio nuts, peaches, cherries, apricots, apples, grapes, olives, figs, carobs, pomegranates, barley, wheat, oats and alfalfa. The yields are above those produced by dry farming and almost comparable to the yields in areas irrigated by other methods.

Most of the crops have proven much more resistant to drought than had been expected. In one experiment, for example, the whole range of plants and trees did not receive any water for 32 months and were thought to be dead, but most of them revived when water finally arrived.

In addition to indicating that crops can be grown in areas where rainfall is very limited, Prof. Evenari has also shown that they require less water — perhaps even 20 or 30% less — than they are normally given. This is of great significance in many parts of the world, regions where increasingly severe shortages of water threaten the continued cultivation of areas already being farmed, and make it nearly impossible to cultivate new ones.

Prof. Evenari is only one of many Israeli scientists concerned with growing more crops with less water. Indeed, as members of the U.S. Senate's Water Resources Committee were informed recently by Aaron Weiner, director of Israel's National Water Planning Organization, agricultural production in this country has doubled in the last decade without any increase in the amount of water allocated to farmers.

BB plans Breira policy

NEW YORK [JTA] — A special 11-member committee of B'nai B'rith leaders met here to begin working out a policy for the organization to take toward its Hillel directors who are members of Breira.

The committee, appointed by B'nai B'rith President David Blumberg, is expected to hold several more meetings before it makes its recommendations to the fraternal organization's board of governors, a B'nai B'rith spokesman said today.

Blumberg announced his intention to name the committee early last March in the wake of charges that some of B'nai B'rith's Hillel directors are allegedly promoting anti-Israel, pro-Arab views through their membership in Breira. In a memorandum to the board of governors at the time, Blumberg said the committee would recommend a "policy which protects both the integrity of the institution (B'nai B'rith) and that of its staff members."

The committee is headed by Billy B. Goldberg of Houston, Texas, a former B'nai B'rith vice-president.

Aliyah group reorganizes

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK [JTA] — Newly organized and with a new name, the North American Aliyah Movement (formerly the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliyah) is looking toward playing a major role in helping American Jews to emigrate to Israel.

"We hope that NAAM will become the umbrella organization for aliyah in North America, to which all other aliyah organizations in the United States, Canada and Mexico come for information and programatic support which they themselves cannot provide," Dr. Sam A. Lehman-Wilzig, the newly elected president of NAAM, and its executive director Harvey G. Harth, said in an interview.

According to Wilzig and Harth, NAAM's strength is in the fact that American Jews approach other American Jews to go on aliyah. "We are the only organization that deals exclusively with aliyah," Wilzig said. "As Americans we have better ability to communicate with Americans who consider aliyah." Harth and Wilzig said that they themselves will be going on aliyah "in the next two or three years." They added that all members of NAAM — about 2,000 at present — are committed to aliyah.

Rakah, PLO members hold talks in Prague

TEL AVIV [JTA] — Leaders of the pro-Moscow Rakah Communist Party and representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization met in Prague recently. Their meetings, held in the Czechoslovakian capital, were the first official contact between an Israeli political group and the PLO.

Although there have been previous meetings between Rakah and and the PLO in Moscow and New York as well as meetings in Paris last year between PLO representatives and members of a non-Communist leftist Israeli group headed by Gen. Matityahu Peled and Arye Eliav, none of these contacts was ever acknowledged by the PLO.

This time, however, the PLO news agency in Beirut announced the meeting. Its communique said "The Prague meeting was arranged in accordance with resolutions of the Palestine National Council," which endorsed contacts "with democratic and progressive Jewish forces" both inside and outside "the occupied homeland."

The Rakah participants in the Prague meeting were Dr. Wolf Ehrlich, head of the faction's internal control committee; Emille Touma and Uzzi Bernstein of Rakah's political bureau; and Ali Ashour, a member of Rakah's central committee.

The PLO representatives were Majid Abou Sharar, director of the El Fatah terrorist organization's revolutionary committee; Issam Abu Latif, of the Democratic Front group's political bureau; Abdallah Horani, director general of the PLO's cultural and information division; and Arabbi Awad, a member of the Jordanian Communist Party.

Mayor visits U.S.

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Muhammed Mulhim, the mayor of Halhul on the West Bank, has begun a 30-day visit to the United States as one of "six distinguished international visitors," the State Department announced.

Mulhim, a teacher of English, was elected mayor in April, 1976. Halhul was described by the State Department as a community of about 10,000 persons in an agricultural area "on the West Bank of occupied Jordan."

Mulhim is the third West Bank mayor to visit Washington under the Department's "multi-regional project on local government and community leadership." The project includes seminars in Washington on American political, economic and social systems and visits to American cities. The mayors of Ramallah and Bethlehem had been here previously.

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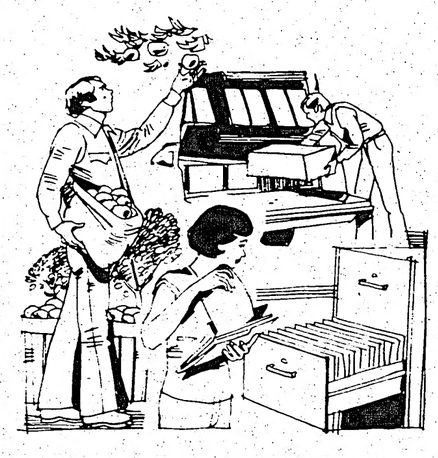

Ontario will help employers pay the salaries of youth hired for the summer months.

Here's how the program works.

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As a matter of fact, grants are available for up to six new positions per business or farm for each operational site, and you may hire any unemployed youth between the ages of 15 and 24 who lives in Ontario and is eligible to work here.

The program will be in effect from May 30th to September 16th, 1977, but the full 16 week commitment is not required.

Employer application forms for the Ontario Youth Employment Program are available through your local Canada Manpower Centres and, because grant funds are limited, should be submitted as soon as possible.

For more information, contact your local Canada Manpower Centre or:

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Shmuel and Berta Ovnat unwrap an Eskimo sculpture presented to them at a Toronto UJA reception. Looking on is Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, national co-president of the Canada–Israel Committee. Ovnat has been appointed Israel's new ambassador to Burma. He was consul-general in Toronto for five years.

Ovnat takes new post

TORONTO —
Shmuel Ovnat, Israel's consul-general in Toronto for the past five years, was given a warm farewell at a United Jewish Appeal evening reception at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Ovnat will take up his new post as ambassador to Burma in December.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, a personal friend of the consul and his wife Berta, humorously referred to Ovnat as "our representative for Israel" and "the first Sabra consul general in our midst."

The prime requisite for a consul general, Ovnat said, was a love for fellow Jews. "UJA gave me the opportunity to travel the length of this country and meet people in cities and towns, large and small, across the land," he continued. "I found a common bond and common tongue wherever I went in Canada. It goes through your bones, this pride in heritage.

"You were great," he told his listeners, "in good times and in times of sorrow. You made us feel at home. Berta and I enjoyed every moment to the fullest. There is a lot to be learned from this great democracy."

Plaut asks consideration be given to Reform divorce

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
The time has come when Jewry must reconsider the matter of religious divorce for Reform Jews, Rabbi Gunther Plaut declared in his address to the recent Biennial Convention of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations.

He predicted the polarization of Jewish points of view into two main camps: the Orthodox and the non-Orthodox, and "by definition," he said, "this means that we will move closer to Conservatives and they to us. We ought to welcome this new alliance. We both need it."

Delegates gathered in the ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel for the concluding luncheon of the three-day convention heard Rabbi Plaut express the view that "there are immediate areas of conjoint action, especially the areas of conversion and divorce."

His objective, he said, was not — and he emphasized this — to become accepted by the Orthodox, "which we won't...but to take seriously the religious bond which we conclude and which, if broken, must also be religiously dissolved.

"In matters of conversion we have already hewn a path in the Reform movement of North America. Now, in matters of religious divorce, we can do the same."

The theme of the convention was "Prospect and Retrospect". In his keynote address during the preceding Friday night service, Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom, the host congregation, set the tone when, following an analysis of the concept of Reform Judaism, he said that "the trend is unmistakeable. The direction is toward tradition."

Disturbed over what he felt was flagging interest in and concern for Israel, Rabbi Plaut urged that Reform Jews, above all, must stand firm "for Israel's sake and our own" and he proposed the establishment of what, for the moment, he said he would call "Kadimah" — forward — a Canadian Progressive Zionist party.

"If we are serious about reform in Israel, we will need political clout and not just money," and he suggested application should be made to the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Suggesting that Reform Judaism has so far neglected to take its rightful place in the Jewish life of this country, he said that "we should go forward in the next decade to developments in three major areas: we must reinfect the Canadian Jewish community with enthusiasm for caring for the larger weal of the country...spiritualize our concern for Israel both in our synagogues and within the community...and re-establish the primacy of the synagogue, assert our strength and make Reform a force to be reckoned with in every community.

"We should join with our Conservative friends in common enterprises and work towards federated communities that will satisfy the unmet needs of all."

If elected to the presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Rabbi Plaut said he would "limn for our communities an outline of where I think we ought to go and that is in the direction of a kehilah — the total community representative of the totality of its members."

(David Groskind photograph)

Rabbi Robert Binder of Beth Tzedec looks over model of Yemin Moshe constructed by grade three congregational students, Daniel Kinsborn and Sarah Naiman. It was part of Jerusalem Day display at Beth Tzedec.

Campaigns show an increase

Kitchener-Waterloo —
A series of United Israel Appeal meetings in Kitchener/Waterloo under the leadership of Ernie Raphael, men's division chairman, and Joyce Strauss and Vicky Walters, women's division co-chairmen, has led to an overall 20% increase in campaign collections over last year.

The men's division was highlighted by a parlor meeting at the home of Ernie and Flo Raphael, addressed by Col. Jacob Monbaz, special advisor to the UIA of Canada. Raphael spoke of several particularly moving incidents which had occurred during his recent trip to Israel with a national UIA mission.

The women's division held a canvassers meeting with Joan Lipson, Ontario Region women's division chairman, at the home of Michael and Vicky Walters, followed by a luncheon which was addressed by Dr. David Posen, Ontario Region UIA executive member.

A community Yom Ha'atzmaut rally at the Beth Jacob Synagogue was addressed by Samuel L. Haber, honorary executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee. The program included a candle-lighting ceremony by the children and the viewing of a film entitled **The Holocaust**.

Haber, who was instrumental in the resettling of displaced persons after the war, addressed his remarks to the revitalization of the Jewish people after the Holocaust through the rebirth of the state of Israel.

The campaign committee's efforts were well rewarded by good attendance at all events and excellent levels of giving, 20% over 1976.

Tomarin named a UIA president

ST CATHARINES —
Harry Tomarin, a prominent industrialist, has assumed the leadership of 1977 United Israel Appeal campaign in St. Catharines. Tomarin is being assisted by Vice-Chairmen Bert Lambert and Murray Fish.

Highlighting campaign activities here was a community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut evening held last month with Mordechai Shalev, Israel ambassador to Canada, as guest of honor.

Prior to this event, a "top gifts" brunch was held at the residence of Tomarin. Col. Jacob Monbaz, former Israel ambassador to Malawi and national advisor to the United Israel Appeal of Canada, briefed those present on the current political situation.

Gifts announced at this meeting indicate significant increases over the previous year and have set the tone for a successful campaign. Leadership of the Welland, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls communities were present as guests.

Monbaz also visited Beth Israel Synagogue in Stratford at a well-attended meeting chaired by Ralph Goren, in the absence of Chairman Maurice Helperin.

Maccabiah basketball selection

TORONTO —
Canada's Maccabiah basketball team has been selected and the members of the squad come from Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, according to Alex Fisher, national president of the Canadian Maccabiah Association.

Members are:
Morrie Herman, Montreal, Colby University; Dave Kurtz, Montreal, Loyola; Paul Layefsky, Toronto, University of Toronto; Hy Fox, Winnipeg, University of Manitoba; Mike Kates, Toronto, University of Toronto; Mike Betcherman, Toronto, York University; Al Tolchinsky, Montreal, Dawson College; Sol Glober, Toronto, Waterloo University; Joe Greenstein, Toronto, University of California; Jerry Ostroff, Montreal, McGill, and Ed Lewin, Vancouver, University of British Columbia.

Tryouts were held in Montreal and Toronto.

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A spirited plenary

Now that the plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress has passed into our history, it is possible to take stock of what happened during those four days in Montreal. A study of the speeches and the resolutions adopted by the 1,000 delegates point to a fresh and vigorous approach to the issues and problems confronting us as Canadians of the Jewish faith.

There was plain speaking, a minimum of double talk and soft peddling of sensitive issues, and a widening of perspective as to the goals Congress should establish. And for the first time a shameful neglect was rectified; two women were elected to the offices of secretary and treasurer, breaking the male monopoly which has existed ever since the founding of the national body.

Uppermost in the minds of all delegates — not only those from Quebec — was the question mark raised by the separatist government as to the future of Jewry in that province. The speech of Premier Rene Levesque allayed some fears while it raised others. It is significant that one of the 24 resolutions adopted called for increased efforts by CJC to protect human rights because nationalistic movements in the past have encroached on civil liberties.

It was a spirited plenary and the delegates deserve the thanks of the constituencies they represent for their devotion to the full agenda of workshops and meetings.

Toronto's Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, who now heads the CJC, faces a challenging task as president, one that will test his proven leadership talents to the utmost. He will have the support of able men and women in tackling the problems that have become more sharply delineated in recent years. There is a welcome emphasis on youth as exemplified by the appointment of 29-year-old Steve Ain as national executive director, succeeding Alan Rose, who becomes executive vice-president.

While Professor Irwin Cotler has no official position on the executive, having withdrawn his bid for the presidency rather than break a pledge not to run against Rabbi Plaut, it is to be hoped that his undoubted talents will be made use of by the Congress leadership.

Congress is frequently referred to as "the Parliament of Canadian Jewry," the supreme body that represents all our varied interests and concerns. To more fully quality for this title in the days ahead, Congress will need to implement the thrust of the major resolutions adopted at this significant plenary. Resolutions in themselves are mere expressions of intent, words on paper, and are valueless unless translated into action. The 18th plenary assembly has made a good start.

Our community 'Y'

On Sunday, June 5, the Jewish community will witness the dedication of the completion program of the YM&YWHA. The Koffler Centre of the Arts, the Leah Posluns Theatre and the Physical Education Wing will be formally opened. The affixing of a mezuzah on the door posts of each wing will symbolize the commitment of the YM&YWHA to serve the Jewish and Canadian communities at the highest possible level.

It is perhaps prophetic that this ancient practice should be used to dedicate one of the newest institutions in Jewish history. The synagogue as we know it now is over 2,000 years old. Jewish settlements, even in pre-temple days, had structures for formal Jewish education. Even our traditional social services go back thousands of years. But the 'Y', or as it is often called the Jewish community centre, is at most 125 years old and originated not at Mount Sinai, but in America. Our own Toronto 'Y' is a mere youngster of 50 years of age.

The 'Y' movement evolved out of the needs of people. When Jews landed in massive waves on these North American shores, they were uprooted persons. Naturaly, they craved companionship. Some organized landsmanshaften, self-help organizations based on city of origin in Poland or Russia.

For those who could not affiliate, the Jewish communities organized "settlement houses" to provide social opportunities, English lessons, creative arts and even medical clinics.

But native children of the immigrants found little to satisfy them in the landsmanshaften of the old world of their parents. Instead, they motivated the transformation of the poor man's settlement house into a community 'Y'. This was indeed a bold statement that Jews need social, recreational and cultural vehicles to enhance their own continuity as a people.

The builders of any new institution must be giants amongst men. As the YM&YWHA dedicates its completion program, the community salutes the man of vision and action, David Andrews. For 25 years as executive director, Mr. Andrews toiled to achieve a full scale 'Y' to serve the total community.

He not only identified the required services and helped their translation into building plans, but he also served as a major member of the fund-raising team.

This dedication is indeed a tribute to David Andrews.

Guest Editorial

National interests

By SHLOIME PEREL

Any serious study of the Jews and Quebec politics must recognize the importance of two conflicting social trends: on the one hand, socio-economic issues cutting across ethnicity, and on the other, French nationalism in its current intensified form. Which of the two aspects the PQ would choose to emphasize was already clear in its 1968 beginnings, but the consequences of this nationalism are only now becoming fully apparent.

Until Nov. 15, the 1970s in Quebec saw increasing emphasis on bread-and-butter issues, and these provided the basis for greater co-operation among all the ethnic groups. Municipal reform, improved social services, higher wages, and community and environmental problems became public concerns, while Quebec nationalism receded as a popular cause. These were problems on which members of all ethnic groups — French or English speaking — could work together, and many Jews were involved.

As well, occupational changes among Montreal Jewry have resulted recently in larger numbers of Jews in unions, particularly in white-collar and teachers' unions. Common economic interests have brought these Jewish workers together with those of other nationalities, including French. It is no secret that in the 1976 strike in the Quebec public sector — the "common front" — Jews played a leading role in some of the teachers' unions, alongside French and other unionists.

In other areas, too, possibilities for inter-ethnic contact based on common interests have been shown. The very extensive network of Jewish social service, educational, and cultural organizations provides a means of interaction with French and other counterparts. Some beginnings have been made.

The entire politics of the PQ, however, militates against such closer inter-ethnic relations in Quebec. It raises **la langue et la nation** to a supreme principle and, in effect, postulates the Quebecois as a nation fundamentally different from the others.

At the same time, while seeking to break from Canada, the PQ government desires much closer ties with the U.S. — witness Premier Rene Levesque's speech in New York. This is one of the many ironies of PQ politics, albeit an important one.

While as Jews we cannot reject the general abstract principle of national independence (of which a prime example is Israel), the politics of Quebec separatism and of the PQ is against our interests as a national minority.

Shloime Perel is a doctoral candidate in sociology at McMaster University, Hamilton.

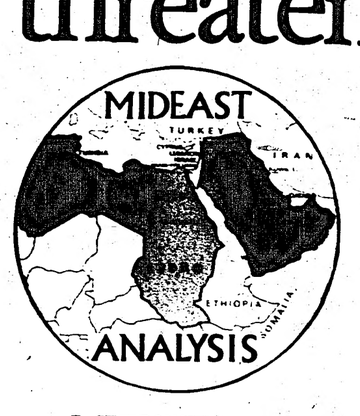
Portuguese thaw

After procrastinating for 19 years, the Portuguese government has announced that it will establish diplomatic relations with Israel as soon as possible. In 1958, Israel set up a consulate general in Lisbon with the understanding that this step would be followed by the establishment of formal diplomatic relations. Such ties did not materialize, the reason probably being that Portugal feared an adverse Arab reaction.

Nevertheless, Portugal and Israel developed a commercial relationship, with Israel exporting cotton and diamonds and Portugal selling copra and wood products to Jerusalem. On the political level, however, there was no progress. At the United Nations, Portugal usually abstained or supported the Arabs on Middle Eastern issues, while Israel voted against Lisbon on questions of colonialism.

The thaw in their relations began last year after the accession to power of socialist Premier Mario Soares, and the subsequent exchange of visits by the respective agricultural ministers.

Bloodshed in southern Lebanon threatens calm of entire Mideast



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The civil war in Lebanon ended last autumn, but in southern Lebanon the war goes on, threatening the stability of the entire Fertile Crescent and endangering the prospects of an Arab-Israeli settlement.

It is a bitter, bloody and inconclusive struggle since both sides — the Palestinians and the right-wing Christian militias — operate under military and political restraints. Casualty figures are unavailable, but most observers believe that hundreds and possibly thousands of men have perished in this obscure but highly significant battle for supremacy.

The Christian Phalangist forces — backed by the Syrians in the second half of the 19-month civil war but currently supported by Israel — are defending an enclave they established between the Litani River and the Israeli frontier. With a little help from the Syrians, the Palestinians are attempting to wrest the region — which they have used as a staging point for raids into Israel — from the Christians' control.

If they could do so, the Christians would almost certainly try to drive out the Palestinians. Yet they cannot; they lack the manpower and the firepower, and a serious offensive would alienate the Arab world.

The Palestinians — who possess greater material and human resources — cannot move against the Christians in strength because that might upset the delicate balance of power in the region and thereby anger the Israelis and probably lead to a confrontation between Syria and Israel. The United States, which has played a key but unobtrusive political role in southern Lebanon, is in favor of preserving the status quo until the problem can be solved by diplomatic means.

Syria has aided the Palestinians — which its army slaughtered just six months ago — largely because Christian leader Camille Chamoun rejected demands that his militias in the south break off their military co-operation with Israel. As well, Damascus is equally perturbed by the prospect of an extension of Israel's Good Fence policy.

A strange lull has settled over southern Lebanon since the fierce battles in March. Yet the ingredients which triggered the fighting — the role of the Palestinians in Lebanon and the place of Christians in a predominantly Moslem society — remain outstanding.

Meanwhile, Israel appears to be getting more deeply involved in the quagmire that is southern Lebanon. Three weeks ago, Francis Rizik, the political advisor to the commander of the Christian troops, held a press conference in Tel Aviv. "The people of south Lebanon," he declared, "have entered a fraternal alliance with Israel from which they will not deviate and for which they are ready to pay with their blood. Our former enemy, Israel, is today the only and last support we have."

On another front, Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres reportedly told a cabinet meeting that "if there is a blow struck against the Christian villages, whose fate and future concern us...Israel will be required to intervene." According to the Ha'aretz report, Peres is supposed to have said that Jerusalem would not tolerate a Syrian or Palestinian presence in the border area.

The Ha'aretz account sounds authentic because Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has made it clear that Israel would not "stand idly by" if Christian enclaves were overwhelmed. He has also asserted that Israel would not permit an advance of Syrian or pan-Arab forces southward from the line they now hold, allow the Syrians or the Palestinians to dismantle its Good Fence, or acquiesce to a return of Palestinian commandos to 'Fatahland'.

These statements notwithstanding, there is some doubt whether Israel would actually intervene in southern Lebanon if the Christian forces were routed or destroyed. For Israel's Lebanese policy has been confusing at best and contradictory at worst, because of cabinet conflicts and fear of Arab and American reaction.

Former defence minister Moshe Dayan summed it up: "For a long while the government has been parading a Red Line beyond which Israel would not countenance the passage of hostile elements. Once we were told that the Red Line was, in fact, a geographic, physical concept, that is to say, the Litani River. Then we were advised that this was rather a military concept, relating to the size of the forces and the types of weaponry involved.

"Now the chief of staff, Lieut.-Gen. Mordechai Gur, has indicated that Israel's approach to what develops in Lebanon is fundamentally different, that the war there is not 'our war' and that, in any event, we have no interest in intervening there."

No neophyte in military affairs, the former chief of staff says that Israeli military intervention would not advance its strategic interests unless "the IDF remains in the area, conquering and then holding on...all the way from the frontier to the Litani."

Dayan then says that any other military operation, partial in nature, would not solve the problem. "Artillery support for the Christian forces will not guarantee them victory and raids on terrorist bases will not lead to their departure from the area. Nor will logistic support to the Phalangists in terms of weaponry and equipment from Israel — even on a large scale — ensure their ascendancy in the long run."

Israeli officer (left) greets Lebanese Christian troops near Good Fence. Israel has extended military aid to the Christian forces battling Palestinians in southern Lebanon.

Clearly, there are no easy solutions, and years may elapse before the gnawing problem in southern Lebanon is resolved to everyone's satisfaction. In the meantime, however, Christians and Palestinians face each other warily across barricades and tank ditches, while diplomats throughout the world wonder whether Israel and Syria — and indeed the Arab world — will risk war over this lovely, mountainous region.

At 16, Ernestine Rose struck her first blow as suffragette

By ROCHELLE CARR

On May 21, 1869, the American Hebrew Leader wrote about the noble work of one woman in the field of human freedom and social reform. The praiseworthy article was about the indefatigable efforts of Ernestine Rose, particularly in one area — women's rights.

Her story began in January, 1810, in Piotrkow, Poland. Born Sismondi Potowski, she was more commonly known in history books as Ernestine Rose. Early signs of the girl's rebelliousness were greatly overshadowed by an event that took place when her mother died.

According to her mother's wishes, her 16-year-old daughter was to come into a considerable inheritance. The girl's father, who was the rabbi of the village, decided not only to marry her off, but to someone she did not like. Were she to marry the man or, even refuse to, since her father had given his word to him, the man would come into complete possession of her inheritance.

In an unprecedented move, the teenage girl took her father to a Polish court to fight for her legal right to have that which her mother had bequeathed to her. She won.

In the meantime, her father married again, this time to a girl her own age. Shortly thereafter, the teenage daughter turned over a part of her inheritance to her father, left for Berlin, then London, where she married. In 1836, she and her silversmith husband arrived in the United States.

At that time most American laws relegated a woman's legal status to the same level as a minor or a male idiot. Her first effort was to obviate that situation through the passage of the Married Women's Property Bill. It took many doors slammed in her face, numerous petitions and innumerable speeches before such major legislation was passed in New York State in 1860. Even then, part of the legislation was rescinded a few years later.

In 1850, she helped organize the first National Women's Rights Convention which met in Massachusetts. She kept up contact with women's rights movements in Europe as well.

She attacked the institution of slavery and anti-Semitism. But most of all, this forerunner of the feminist movement lambasted those who stood in the way of women's rights. For example, when the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were passed, she complained that they only emancipated the Blacks and said nothing about women.

She died at the ripe old age of 83, secure in the knowledge that she had done much to break down the high barriers of prejudice.

J.B. gives reply to Fetter Yitten's president

By J. B. SALSBERG

These lines are written on the morning after the triennial plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress turned off the glittering stage lights and retreated into the darker recesses of Canadian Jewish history.

The temptation, naturally enough, is to share my impressions of that event with you. But my good uncle Eliezer, who succeeded in concealing his identity at the Montreal assembly, advised against hasty conclusions. Congress, he argued, is too important an institution and our Jewish problems are too serious to be evaluated and judged in haste.

I inclined towards his sound advice. So we agreed to put the whole thing on the slow-burner of this column's priorities. With your approval we shall let the dish simmer until next week and we shall ladle out its contents for your exclusive enjoyment at that time.

And in the meantime? In the meantime I want to reply to one of the many letters I received lately but which, much to my regret, remained unanswered.

To Mr. Fredrik S. Eaton, president of Eaton's of Canada Limited. Since, Mr. Eaton, I am notoriously renowned for my modesty I cannot paraphrase or condense your consummate statement about this humble scribe's masterpieces of the place that your grandfather's store, "Fetter Yittens," occupied in the lives of our immigrant forefathers. I will, therefore, let you speak to our readers in your very own words and let them see how some discerning non-Jews feel about our literary efforts. (Don't tell a soul, Mr. Eaton, but a lot of Jews are very much impressed by testimonials of non-Jewish origin.)

Anyway, ladies and gentlemen, I give you (as they say at formal affairs) Mr. Eaton's own words:

Dear Mr. Salsberg:

I enjoyed very much reading your reminiscences about fetter Yittens. There certainly has been a lot of nostalgia around concerning the closing of the old store and the opening of the new Eaton Centre.

Your contribution in The Canadian Jewish News is particularly appreciated. Many of our friends who are subscribers (maybe we should be also) have sent us copies of the articles, and I have enjoyed them.

Yours sincerely,
Fred Eaton

To which I can only add the following.

First, thanks, Mr. Eaton, for your unsolicited expression of appreciation. I'll do the same for you anytime. After all, it's the only decent thing to do, no?

Second, your passing remark about a subscription to this paper contains a brilliant thought and I am passing it on to the circulation department of the paper. (Need I say more?)

Third, re your new store. Frankly, F.S. (you can call me J.B.), I haven't yet visited your new place. Yes, time was one interfering factor. But, to be wholly frank, F.S., I was afraid of cultural shock.

I mean, Mr. Eaton, or F.S. as you want me to call you, I mean that I was accustomed to the old store's smells, crowds, uneven floor levels, etc. How can I avoid psychological shock when entering your "gallerias"? (Have you no balcony or orchestra seats for old customers?)

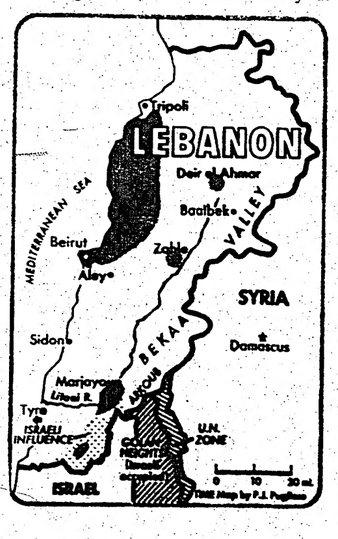
But one of these days I will, I assure you, F.S., pay you a visit.

I don't want to put you to any trouble, Mr. Eaton, but, just to lessen the shock and to make me feel more at home in your new store, could you have your dairy department prepare a large glass of rich, flavorful buttermilk of the same quality that your great-grandfather served me and others for less than a nickle a glass?

(I'm not cheap, F.S., and won't mind paying a dime if necessary; that's if you will want to take my money for a glass of buttermilk on my very first visit.)

In conclusion, F.S., I don't want to shock or surprise you, so you may have your secretary phone the editor and arrange an appointment. OK? I want to take the editor along to show him what important friends I have. I'll do the same for you anytime you will want to impress someone with the high class of friends that you have.

And so, F.S., my old friend, let's make it soon and I'll tell you things that will really open your eyes....



what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Members of the recently-formed Young Men's Division of the Zaglembier Society (sons and sons-in-law of original members) have set an ambitious goal for themselves. They plan to set up a library and museum to serve as a Yad Vashem counterpart here in Toronto. The group is looking for space for the museum and for material on the Holocaust — books, photos, documents. The Holocaust Committee of Congress has appointed a liaison to work with them. Anyone interested in establishing a repository or donating material can contact Eric Gertner at 783-4184 (home) or 868-0080 (office).

JIS MEETING

Volunteer recognition is on the agenda of the third annual meeting of the Jewish Information Service set for Thursday, the 26th. Sixty active volunteers will be presented with scrolls for work done during the year manning phones, collecting information and appearing with the mobile booth at shopping centres and supermarkets. The program also includes a progress report by Judy Gwartz, advisory board chairman of the agency which is a project of Toronto Jewish Congress. The meeting takes place at 8:30 p.m. at the northern 'Y', but if you arrive by 7:45 you will be taken on a guided tour of the new art centre, scheduled to open in June.

Judy Gwartz

'Y' PROGRAM FOR TEENS

While on the subject of the 'Y' — In addition to the regular visual arts program, courses are being offered to 12 to 15 year olds this summer at the Koffler Centre for the Arts. To give you an idea, there will be ceramics, kite-making, Japanese paper folding, drawing, painting and many more activities, along with the usual swims and outings. There are two sessions running July 4-26 and Aug. 2-26. For details, call 636-1880, ext. 44.

80TH ANNUAL MEETING

At their 80th annual meeting yesterday, the 19th, the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, gave recognition to their volunteers — 350 members who have collectively given over 10,000 volunteer hours in the past year. At the luncheon at Council House, Provincial Secretary for Social Development Margaret Birch presented top awards. Past president Ethyle Levine installed the new slate of officers and board members headed up by Gloria Roden who was reinstalled as president. The section's 80th anniversary festivities get off to a start at the upcoming national convention on the 29th. More about that next week.

HADASSAH HAPPENINGS

Israeli Chapter has come up with a novel idea for their fund-raising luncheon on Thursday, the 26th. They are calling it A Good Afternoon and it comes in two parts — luncheon in one home and an interesting array of boutiques in another (next door). For goods and goodies, the addresses are 134 and 140 Sandringham Drive, from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Proceeds go to Youth Aliyah. For tickets, call 486-8754....A regional Hadassah conference was held in Belleville recently with Quebec and Eastern Ontario represented by delegates from Ste. Agathe, Cornwall, Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa and Kingston.

HEBREW CLASSES

A note from Joseph Klinger, director of Keren Hatarbut Institute, announces the opening of summer crash courses in conversational Hebrew, mornings and evenings, at all levels, and also the opening of a Hebrew speaking theatre. For information, call him at 787-0197.

J. B. TO SPEAK

Guest speaker at the Tuesday, the 24th, meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association will be CJN columnist J.B. Salsberg. His topic — result of the elections in Israel. The time is 8:30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Place.

REFORM CAMP ON TV

Tune in to Channel 4 at 10 a.m. this Sunday for CBS-TV's program **Lamp Unto My Feet**. It features a film on the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Kutz Camp in Warwick, N.Y. Cameramen and interviewers spent three days at the Reform camp last summer, taping every aspect of camp life.

RADIO SERIES ON CHILDREN

A radio series of interest to parents is the one on children and their education being run by Open College/Ryerson. It started last week and airs for five more Wednesdays at 8 p.m., on CJRT-FM, 91.1 on your radio dial.

...about people

Another Toronto rabbi up for honors is **Moses J. Burak**, whose 10th year as spiritual leader of Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue is being celebrated at a gala dinner on Sunday, May 29. The rabbi, who has written extensively on Canadian history, philosophy, and theology, is a dayan at the Beth Din Tsedek of Toronto, and is much involved in community work, including service to Jewish patients in Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital.

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Although **Andrew Meles**, who won the Liberal nomination for Don Mills riding last week, is making his first run for political office in the upcoming elections, he is no novice to politics. The 30-year-old elementary teacher is a former president of York Centre Young Liberals. And on the Jewish community scene he is involved in work for Soviet Jewry and Jews in Arab lands.

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People in the news at the recent convention of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations in Hamilton — Dr. **Franklyn Shapiro** of that city became president; **David Alexander** of Ottawa, first vice-president, and **Morris Miller** of Montreal, second vice-president. Dr. **Barry Berman** of St. Catharines is secretary and **Michael Rotstein** of Toronto, treasurer....When retiring director **Morley Pape** was told the annual CCLC youth conclave would be named the Morley J. Pape Institute, he replied that he was about to start his fourth retirement, but that "as long as I am associated with kids, my future is secure."

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Machziki B'nai Israel Synagogue's 'Bond with Israel' breakfast this Sunday morning honors their own president **Harry Pearlstein**. The event will also highlight the congregation's commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Guest speaker will be **Kurt Rothschild**, general chairman of Israel Bond campaign 1977. The breakfast is being hosted by **Sam Cohen**, and the synagogue's Bond chairman **Ralph Burke** is co-ordinator of arrangements.

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CJN music critic **Rick Kardonne**'s Entebbe Song, **As In Days Gone By**, is going to get some international coverage. He has just heard that it will be performed both in Israel and England by the Beth Abraham Youth Choral of Dayton, Ohio, this summer.

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Rabbi Gedalia Felder

Rabbi Gedalia Felder is to be honored by the Beth Din of the Rabbinical Council of America. The Shomrai Shaboth rabbi serves as one of its chief judges (dayan). Recognized as one of the leading rabbinic authorities of our times, his scholarly works are studied throughout the world. He also heads up the Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division of Canadian Jewish Congress. The tribute will be paid to him at a dinner at the synagogue on Thursday, June 2, co-chaired by **Kurt Rothschild, Joseph Tanenbaum** and **Jack Weinbaum**.

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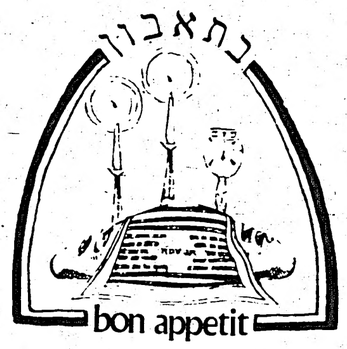
Two Vancouverites will be holding leadership roles at the new Yeshiva University scheduled to open in Los Angeles this fall. Businessman and Jewish community leader **Samuel Belzberg** is chairman of the school and **Rabbi Marvin Hier** of Congregation Schara Tzedek has been named dean of administration. In its first phase YULA will offer a four-point Jewish studies program for college-age men. Phase two will include programing for women on the collegiate level.

Cereal is easy Shavuoth dish



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

The first conversation we had, he corrected two mispronunciations in my Hebrew. On the following occasion, he announced himself in polished French, then switched to a rapid, competent English before continuing in his mellifluous Hebrew.

It was Moshe Hanouka, well-known in Jerusalem as a tourist guide, and known to radio and TV audiences all over the country for his appearances in quiz programs and broadcast Hebrew language lessons. Moshe is a benevolent character with a keen sense of fun. But one thing he will tolerate in no circumstances is slipshod Hebrew.

His features grow stern, his voice takes on the clipped tone of a schoolmaster, as he sets you right. Members of Knesset and governmental officials have been frequently taken to task by Moshe for misuse of the language. Not even radio and TV broadcasters are immune from his rebukes.

Hanouka's attachment to the Hebrew language and Israel can be described as a love affair. Born in Jerusalem to a family of Persian origin, Moshe started out as a welder. But in his spare time he was reading every book on the history and geography of the country, and Hebrew literature he could lay his hands on.

This was before the War of Independence in which he fought and was wounded. Later, a work injury forced him to seek an office job, and in this way he gravitated to the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Now he works in the Department of Antiquities at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and is also one of the country's most knowledgeable tourist guides.

I found Moshe's office at the end of a corridor lined with boxes of pottery fragments and huge antique pots in a transitional state of reconstruction. Here, among his archives, detailing archeological finds, Moshe is at home.

But his love for the richness of the Hebrew tradition spills over into yet other pursuits. "I write poetry," he told me. "Most government ministers and officials have received my poems on Eretz Yisrael and Jerusalem, written inside my New Year's greetings cards. They are read out over the radio, too.

I had come to see Moshe about another love affair, as celebrated in the Sephardic Mahzor (festival prayer book) he had brought to show me: the love affair between Israel and the Torah.

He told me that on the morning of Shavuoth, the festival of the giving of the Law, a ketubah (marriage contract) is read out in the synagogue. In it, Israel is portrayed as the bridegroom, and the Torah as the bride. The Ketubah, in verse, was composed by Israel Najara, the 16th century poet from Damascus, who also composed the famous hymn **Yah Ribon Olam**.

The Ketubah is read out on Shavuoth morning, after worshipers have been up the whole of the previous night reviewing the Torah as custom prescribes. Tea and coffee, cookies and fruit are served in the synagogues and study houses through the night.

According to the custom followed by the Persian community, the congregants are served dishes of cold semolina pudding, flavored with cinnamon, towards dawn.

The puddings, cooked with milk, are reminiscent of the first meal, which consisted of milk products, eaten by the Children of Israel after receiving the Torah.

Matzot traditionally accompany this dish. They are eaten, Moshe informed me, as a reminder of Pesach, the commemoration of the deliverance from Egypt, which has its culmination in Shavuoth, the festival of the giving of the Torah.

Here is an easy recipe for Shavuoth morning-after-the-night-before semolina pudding. It makes a delicious and nutritious dessert on other occasions too.

Semolina Cereal for Shavuoth
1 pint milk
1/3 cup semolina
1 tblsp. sugar
pinch salt
ground cinnamon

1. bring the milk together with the sugar and salt, to the boil. Add semolina in a thin stream, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, then lower heat.

2. continue stirring until mixture thickens — about 5 minutes. Pour into four dessert dishes, and sprinkle with a little sugar and cinnamon while still hot. Serve room temperature or chilled, accompanied, Persian-style, with matzoth

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Chag Sameach!

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Abraham's test of faith in sacrifice symbolic of Shavuoth's message

By Rabbi Selig Korolnek

Shavuoth is the anniversary of the birth of our nation, the day that a great religious community came into being. Shavuoth reminds us of the extraordinary event that took place at Sinai, when the Almighty revealed Himself to His Chosen People and gave them the Ten Commandments which eventually became the cornerstone of human civilization.

To us, this day has more than mere historic significance. "This day thou hast become a people to the Lord Thy God" (Deut. 27:9). Our very existence is due primarily to Torah, without which we would never have the uniqueness that has characterized our people throughout the ages.

The great biblical patriarch who taught faith was Abraham. Abraham's faith in God was tested in a most unique manner. Abraham sits in his tent and God appears to him and commands him to bring his only son, Isaac, to a mountain in the Land of Moriah and there give him up as a burnt offering. Without any hesitation, or conference even with his own wife whom he loved so dearly, he prepares for the journey and for the great sacrificial act.

On the third day, we find him on the top of the mountain with the altar built, fire kindled, Isaac bound and the knife raised for the final act. Does Abraham ask: "Hasn't God promised me, in Isaac shall thy seed be called? What will happen to that promise?"

No, Abraham does not ask any questions, seeks no answers but says to himself that the same God who made the promise also gave the command. Here, in the test of Abraham, we find a simple definition of faith. Faith is doing God's will and asking no questions.

Can such a faith be taught? I once read a remarkable story which I wish to share with you. A father went into a room where his little girl was playing, happy as she could be. Someone of the family visited them that afternoon and presented the little girl with a box of very beautiful beads. The child immediately ran to her father to show him the gift.

"They are very beautiful my child," the father remarked. "But now, my dear, throw them into the fire." The little girl's eyes filled with tears. She said nothing but gazed at her father in astonishment.

He went on: "Now, I shall not compel you to do it. I leave it up to you." The child thought for a moment and said to herself, "My daddy has always been kind to me. I suppose he is right."

She took the box and with great effort threw it into consuming fire. The father watched in silence and said nothing for some time.

The next day, he presented his child with far more beautiful beads and said to her: "Now my child, I did all this to teach you to trust, not only in me, but in our Father in Heaven. Many a time in your life, he will ask you to give up and avoid what you cannot see the reason for avoiding, but if you trust that Father as you have trusted me, you will always be the beneficiary." That was training a child's faith.

Faith alone, important as it may be, is not sufficient. It must lead to action. When the Talmud speaks of a virtuous man entitled to his heavenly reward in the world to come, it states: "Happy is the one who comes here and the knowledge is in his hand". On the surface, that statement needs some clarification. Isn't knowledge usually in the mind of a person? Isn't the head the seat of learning? Why then does the Talmud use the expression "The knowledge is in his hand"?

Jerusalem children celebrate the festival of Shavuoth.

Evidently they were anxious to teach us another lesson. There are many people who acquire knowledge, some even the knowledge of morals, ethics and religious philosophy. They have many keen minds and can be erudite students, but the knowledge they possess remains in their heads and in their minds. It is never translated into action. There is no communication between their minds, the seat of the intellect and their hands, the symbol of activity.

Such individuals make no contribution to the betterment of society. When the Talmudic sages, therefore, speak of the virtuous man, they make reference to the one whose "knowledge is in his hand", the person who not only studies God's law, but who lives by the precepts of Sinai.

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Organizations and People

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Joe and Helen Berman receive 'thank you' gifts from Allan Offman at UJA reception. Berman is completing his term as 1977 UJA campaign chairman, capping a fund-raising drive that exceeded hopes.

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Allan Offman (left), chairman of UJA executive committee, congratulates Albert (Tubby) Cole, who was selected 1977 Man of the Year. Announcement was made at reception for Israel's consul-general.

Women's volunteer organizations face an attrition in membership

By TOBA KORENBLUM
[Second of two parts]

TORONTO —

Women's organizations — like most volunteer societies — are facing a slow attrition in membership, as a younger generation seeks instant self-fulfilment and career gratification.

With more women entering the work force, volunteer organizations are adapting their style and directives accordingly. While women-only groups are still the current fashion, there is a perceptive trend towards desegregation.

And the image of these associations are slowly being revamped. Fund-raising teas and luncheons have partly given way to Mideast seminars, public affairs action sessions and family counselling.

"People who are going back to work are giving of their time — but sparingly," says Sue Weingott, president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations.

Congregational sisterhoods have been particularly affected by a membership lag, and many cannot compete with the lavish programing of larger organizations, she notes.

The saving grace of women's organizations for the future will be the shift to educational programing and social action projects with more immediate results, adds Mrs. Weingott. "For young women, it's not enough to go to a tea and donate $5 when you won't see anything for your time and effort other than women talking."

Eleanor Appleby, assistant director of B'nai B'rith District 22 and one of the few Jewish female civil servants, concurs. "With more younger, highly educated working women, volunteerism has to become professionalized. Study groups are going to be the key."

Another malaise eroding the traditional strength of these organizations is the tendency to rely on professional staff to expedite the sheer mechanics of running the operation.

"If women who head these organizations are not careful," says Clara Balinsky, national president of Hadassah-WIZO, "there will be a gradual disappearance of their strength. More and more are following the trend where they abdicate responsibility to the professional."

She agrees with the assessment that volunteerism is in crisis. "Because of the affluence in society, this is a very selfish world. People want to give less and less."

The Hadassah president recommends that organizations attract women when they are young, premarrieds, and that they offer opportunities for short-term memberships or observer status, to foster part-time commitment. Older women she says, are afraid to lose power and alter the status quo.

The feminist movement's perception of volunteer work as exploitation has had a definite effect on Jewish organizations, says psychologist Reva Gerstein. "The working woman just doesn't look to these organizations," she says. "People with talented backgrounds are looking for status in their work."

A past-president of the National Council of Jewish Women, she says that while women-only groups have a strong role to play, volunteer organizations will have to involve both men and women in productive activities. Many organizations have already taken up that challenge: Hadassah runs a joint public affairs group; Pioneer Women sponsors a mixed Zionists in Action chapter, and B'nai B'rith runs a couples lodge in Thornhill.

Finding segregated groups unpalatable, a number of young women prefer mixed organizations, and ideally this should be the mode of the future, according to Ena Greengarten, executive director of the Friends of Pioneering Israel.

At present, she argues, women's groups just haven't altered their structures and schedules to attract the professional. Without dramatic changes many of these organizations will alienate the working female.

Esther Goodbaum, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, describes the crisis in volunteerism in a more general vein: "I don't feel enough women — and men — live by principle. Until we go back to that stage we're going to have a lot of tzuris."

Advent of 'cardiac Judaism'

By ROCHELLE CARR

BUFFALO, N.Y. —

Will our grandchildren be Jewish? Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto's Temple Sinai recently attempted to answer this question at the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods Conference here.

Addressing the delegates, whose organization comprises over 100,000 North American Jewish women, Pearlson cited three stages through which Jews in North America have gone. The first is adaptive Judaism — moving into a freer North American life from traditionally restrictive ideas or social settings.

But, at the time of Watergate and the Vietnam war, "being just American suddenly meant being a part of a folk religion without anchorage." Consequently, he explained, the hyphenated North American came back into style.

The second form, identification Judaism, encompasses a partial commitment, or keeping a piece of oneself Jewish while the rest is secularized. "Identification Judaism is not enough for our children and grandchildren. We are running out of ethnic energy. We no longer remember a grandmother who spoke with an accent but rather we now refer to a grandmother whose golf score is remarkably high for a woman of her age," he said.

Pearlson, who holds a doctorate in law from Massachusetts and is a member of the Massachusetts bar, explained that Jews are now seeing "cardiac Judaism." This occurs when people believe they don't have to do anything and that it is sufficient if they just feel Jewish inside.

Compounding this problem for the continuation of Judaism are other areas of "faith" that centre around the acquisition of material possessions, a desire for perpetual youth and attractiveness and a feeling that one is only somebody when one is busy doing something.

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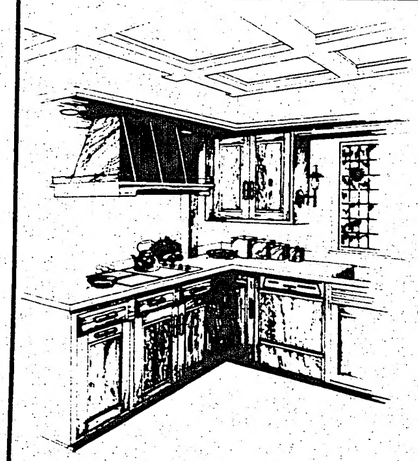

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University of Toronto president John R. Evans (third from left), is congratulated at a meeting by Murray Koffler, vice-chairman of the Update Campaign. They are flanked (from left) by Dr. Gerald Halbert, Gerald Shear, Wayne Tanenbaum and St. Clair Balfour, co-chairman of the university's Update Campaign.

U of T 'Update' earmarks funds for Judaic studies

TORONTO —

Part of the $25-million objective of the University of Toronto's "Update" campaign will be earmarked for Jewish studies, according to Gerald Shear, co-chairman of the general corporations division of the university's campaign. Speaking at a luncheon in Toronto, Shear said $265,000 is required to establish the program through the faculty of Arts and Science. The funds will be used to sponsor research projects, a special library, symposiums, and to finance visiting professors and guest lecturers.

The Jewish studies program at the University of Toronto is an interdisciplinary program offering a selection of over 50 courses from various disciplines, their common denominator being that they touch upon some aspect of Jewish culture.

The program began six years ago, cross-listing existing courses given in the departments of near eastern studies (the principal contributor), history, religious studies, philosophy, political economy, German, French and classics.

The fact that the biblical and post-biblical period are taught by the Department of Near Eastern Studies — a leader in this discipline — gives particular weight to this program.

Furthermore, the presence of internationally reputed scholars in the Jewish studies field proper contributes to its significance in the academic world. Other professors, although their principal scholarly activities lie outside this field, also contribute to the success of the program. The strength at present lies in the focus upon classical aspects of Jewish culture, in the biblical period as well as in the European middle ages.

Joe Clark receives MP's report advising support for boycott law

By MOURA WOLPERT

DUNDAS, Ont. —

Recommendations as to how Canada should deal with the Arab boycott and suggestions for a fine, as well as other penalties, are contained in a report submitted to Progressive Conservative party leader Joe Clark by Bill Kempling, one of the group of opposition MPs who recently toured the Middle East on a study mission.

The Halton-Wentworth MP, who says it looks as if he will be the opposition expert on the boycott, says he cannot divulge details of the report because "it's on his (Clark's) desk and he hasn't got back to me yet to give me his views."

What he can say is that "the thrust would be a prohibition on anyone giving information on a Canadian citizen, Canadian company, its officers, directors, shareholders or employees that indicates the racial origin or ethnic origin, their religion or their political affiliation."

In an informal interview at his Dundas, Ont. home, Kempling is outspoken in his condemnation of the boycott. "It's got some very serious overtones."

He explains that he did not get involved with the Middle East study of his party's committee for external affairs until "the latter end, when I realized the implications of the Arab boycott. Because of my commercial experience and because I've been through the Middle East and know the geography, they asked me if I would sit on the committee."

He had been in Palestine in 1942 and later in the war was attached to the British army in Burma, doing intelligence work, and while there he came to know and admire General Orde Wingate.

Before going on the Mideast tour, Kempling says he undertook a study, "with one of our legal people," of "13 of our statutes, starting with the Bank Act, the Criminal Code, Export Development Act and the Bill of Rights of the human rights legislation that we have — and I found nothing that covers the implications of the Arab boycott."

Now he wonders whether the statutes have to be amended one at a time or "do you put in an omnibus-type piece of legislation to cover them all in one fell swoop — which is what I hope we can do?"

He also hopes that Clark will agree to legislation that can be framed in such a way "that it's firm and doesn't leave any unanswered questions. That it's a prohibition and that's it. And if you don't comply, then here are the penalties that will be applied. And the ones I have suggested are quite severe."

Kempling also mentions that he has had some discussions with the World Bank in Washington and that he is expecting a letter from them on their interpretation of the boycott.

Under the leadership of Claude Wagner, the group toured five Arab countries — Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan — and Israel. Application of the boycott, he found, varied from country to country, often depending on economic conditions.

They also "performed a useful function" by carrying some "private, verbal messages" from the foreign minister of Egypt, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia and the crown prince of Jordan to government officials in Israel.

Because there is immediate pressure by the PLO on President Anwar Sadat of Egypt if he says something that can be construed as a concession to Israel, "they asked us to convey certain messages verbally rather than through diplomatic channels, because there are eyes and ears everywhere."

Of the various Arab countries they visited, Jordan, Kempling felt, was the most moderate. "Saudi Arabia was next. And I felt that without the Rabat agreement Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia would be well under way with discussions with Israel for some sort of resolution."

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sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bamidbar/Shavuot 5737

Lo yihiyeh lcha eloheem achairim al pauny...Thou shalt have no other gods before Me....

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He waited all day — but no one came.

Angry and humiliated, he went crying to the saintly Reb Zev of Zhitomer. The tzadik consoled him. "Are you any better than the Ribono shel Olam Himself? He was also an author, and when he went from nation to nation trying to give away His Torah, they also weren't interested. Why should you have it any easier?"

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Torah is tough stuff.

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Torah was given in a no-man's land desert to teach that it has no one place. It doesn't just belong in Jerusalem, or in Eastern Europe or downtown Toronto, or the four walls of a kollel. Torah belongs everywhere, everyplace — Steele's Avenue, Barrie, Old Forest Hill Road...

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Torah was given in a desert to teach that if a Jew considers himself a desert wilderness — he's not ashamed to admit that he's dry of Torah, that he doesn't know, that he has a lot to learn — only then he can make something of his Yiddishkeit. **Uch un vey** our Bar Mitzvah boys and girls who drop out of Jewish education at 13 because they know enough....

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Gasner awards announced

TORONTO — The second annual Meyer W. Gasner Memorial Scholarships were awarded last week to five Toronto students who are undertaking programs leading to careers in Jewish education. The scholarship fund, named for the late communal leader, Meyer W. Gasner, is chaired by Samuel J. Sable.

The five winners are Sholom Eisenstat, Jay Goldmintz, Sheldon S. Klein, Ya'akov Neuburger and Esther Schenker. The awards, totalling $4,000, are being made to five students annually. There were 35 applicants for this year's grants.

Sholom Eisenstat holds a BA from the McGill University Jewish teacher training program and will pursue further Jewish studies at a Masters level at McGill. He is a graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy and attended the Toronto Midrasha L'Morim.

Jay Goldmintz holds a BA in Jewish studies from the University of Toronto, and studied at the Jerusalem Torah College. He is enroled in Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and the Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences in a concurrent program leading to rabbinical ordination and a Masters degree in Jewish education.

Sheldon Klein, an alumnus of Ner Israel, has studied at the Yeshiva Beit Hatalmud in Jerusalem and the Talmudic College of Florida. He is currently enroled in the Adelphi College Teacher Training Program in New York City, while continuing his training in Judaica at the B'nai Torah Institute.

Ya'akov Neuburger, an alumnus of the Community Hebrew Academy, holds a BA from Yeshiva University. He is currently enroled in a dual program leading to rabbinical ordination at Yeshiva University and a Masters in educational psychology at Columbia.

Esther Schenker, also an alumna of the academy, attended the Gold College for Women in Israel, and will be continuing her program of studies in Israel at the Jerusalem college for Women — Michlala, where she plans to complete her studies to qualify as a teacher of Bible at the secondary level.

The Gasner scholarship fund is administered by the Board of Jewish Education.

Zionists to laud Liban for 25 years of service

TORONTO — A tribute will be paid to George Liban for 25 years of service with the Zionist Organization of Canada and Toronto Zionist Council on Wednesday, May 25, 1977.

Liban, who first served in Europe as director of the Czechoslovakian office of the World Jewish Congress in Prague and subsequently as assistant director of the Geneva (Switzerland) office of the World Jewish Congress, came to Canada in 1951.

He was hired as executive director of the Central Region, Zionist Organization of Canada and Toronto Zionist Council and served simultaneously as director for the United Israel Appeal for Ontario and co-director of the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, until 1968.

He then assumed the position of executive vice-president of the Federated Zionist Organization and Zionist Organization of Canada with headquarters in Montreal. In the fall of 1970 these two offices were separated and Liban moved to Toronto, where he has served since as executive vice-president of ZOC, Toronto Zionist Council and since 1971 the newly created Zionist Organization of Canada Charitable Fund.

During the years as national executive vice-president, he launched a Zionist Book Club, which distributed over 50,000 books to Jewish homes throughout Canada; the **Shalom** television show, which at its peak served over 40 stations throughout Canada; and initiated together with Daniel Monson of St. Catharines the ZOC Youth Centre in the Jerusalem Forest.

Jacques Torczyner, co-president of the World Union of General Zionists, an old friend of Liban, will present at this meeting an analysis of the Israel election results, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

The evening on the 25th will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Dental fraternity organizes fourth study mission

TORONTO — The Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, a national organization with a membership of 15,000 Jewish dentists, is sponsoring, through the Toronto alumni chapter, the fourth annual Alpha Omega study mission to Israel.

Previous tours brought 296 individuals to Israel. This year, 190 persons from Toronto and other parts of Canada and the United States will participate.

A symposium on the "Newer Concepts of Oral Biology and their Clinical Implications" is being presented by the Hebrew University — Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem.

The main lecture will be given by Dr. Hans Selye, who is regarded as the world's foremost medical authority on stress.

Dr. Selye has served since 1945 as professor and director of the Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery at the University of Montreal. He is the author of 33 books and 1,600 technical articles. One of his recent books is entitled **Stress Without Distress.**

The scientific program also includes Dr. Jerry S. Smith, a Toronto endodontist in the research department at the University of Toronto; Dr. Warren Tessler, a periodontist from the United States; Dr. Arthur Axelrod, a professor in the Department of Histology at the University of Toronto, and seven dentists from Israel who will lecture on various dental subjects.

The delegates will participate in the opening of the new undergraduate dental clinic at the Tel Aviv University School of Dentistry.

The dental clinic at Havat Hashomer, which was established by a $15,000 grant from the Toronto Alpha Omega Ladies Auxiliary, will also be visited.

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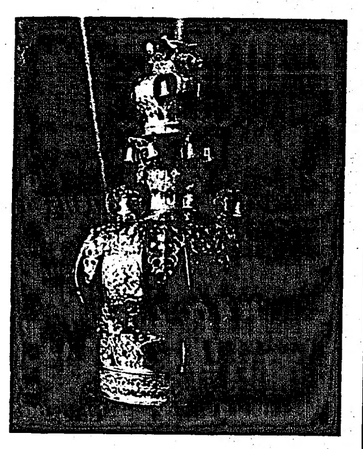

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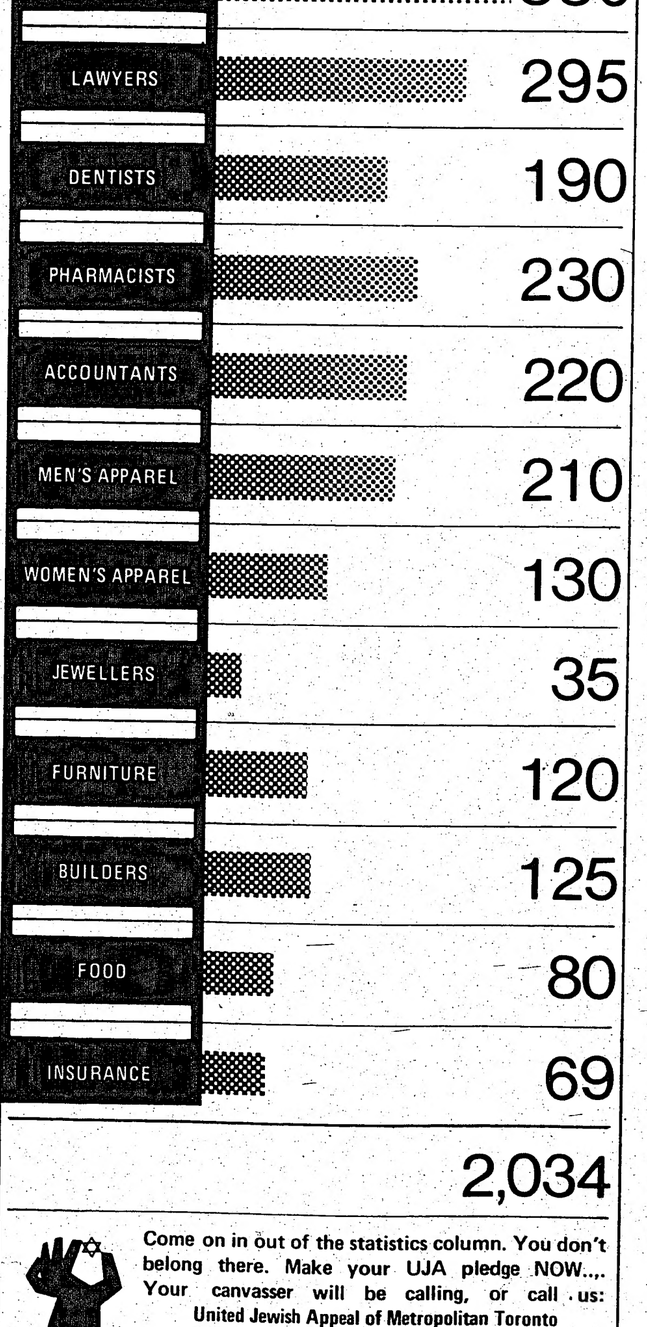

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Quebec Assemby twice expelled Ezekiel

Hart was caught in political struggle

By A. J. ARNOLD
[Fourth in a series]

The first Jews to settle in Canada, beginning about 1759, were tolerated and even encouraged by the new ruling authorities, on the basis of established British policy, as people who could be useful in fulfiling colonial mercantile objectives.

On the French side, Jews were looked upon as part of the crowd of interlopers imposing themselves on the Quebecois population. In fact in 1766, the seigneurs who remained in the colony addressed a petition to the authorities complaining about the crowd of people who came in the wake of the army: "...clerks and managers for London merchants...some of our own compatriots, people of no birth...soldiers demobilized from the French army, barbers, serving men...even Jews...who have not hesitated to raise themselves above the new subjects...."

A three-cornered struggle soon developed in the colony between the governor's ruling coterie, the new Canadian merchant class and the French Canadian populace.

The major developments in this early struggle for equality by the handful of Jews in Canada took place during 1807-1809 and, more significantly, between 1828 and 1834.

It was in the very decade that French Canadian nationalism first came to fruition in the struggle of **les patriotes** (the 1837 Rebellion) that Jews won full civil and political rights in Quebec. These goals could not have been achieved without the support of the Quebecois people.

First, however, it is necessary to review the experience of Ezekiel Hart, Aaron's second son, who was twice elected to the Quebec Assembly as a member for Trois Rivieres and twice expelled from the Assembly with his religion as the excuse.

When Hart was first elected in a by-election on Saturday April 11, 1807 he was one of four candidates of whom two were English and one French. The other sitting member was Judge L.S. Foucher, who made a strong plea in favor of Thomas Coffin, one of the English candidates.

At the end of the first round of voting the one French candidate, Pierre Vezina, was the low man and he withdrew in favor of Coffin. At the end of the second poll Hart had 59 votes to 41 for Coffin, and 16 for Matthew Bell, the other remaining candidate.

The alliance of Foucher, the French Canadian judge, with the leading English candidate, Thomas Coffin, was rejected by an absolute majority of the voters at Trois Rivieres. Judges in those days were not politically impartial and this was a major issue being debated in the Assembly at that time where members of the judiciary were allowed to hold seats.

When Ezekiel Hart first appeared in the Quebec Assembly early in 1808 it was the attorney general, Thomas Sewell, who began the effort to keep him out by introducing a resolution to the effect that the Jewish member had not taken the proper oath of allegiance. The assembly then heard a petition from Thomas Coffin, the defeated candidate, calling for the unseating of Hart because he was a Jew.

In the subsequent debate, the attorney general advanced a series of arguments based on a narrow interpretation of British legal procedures as to why a Jew should not be seated in the Assembly. John Richardson, representing the English merchants of Montreal, advanced other legal precedents showing that Jews did have a right to hold a seat.

Pierre Bedard, the French Canadian nationalist leader of that day, conceded the validity of the legal precedents favoring the Jews but opposed the seating of Hart largely on the basis of anti-Semitic arguments questioning the loyalty of the Jews.

At the end of the session at which Hart was first expelled, the Assembly was dissolved by Governor Sir James Craig and a new general election was called. In Trois Rivieres this time, with two seats at stake, there were again four candidates, E. Hart and three French Canadians. A new candidate, Joseph Badeaux, came first with 67 votes. Ezekiel Hart came second with 58, just one less that the first time he was elected, and this time he defeated the sitting member Judge Foucher, who had actively opposed him the year before, as well as another old opponent, Pierre Vezina.

In the spring of 1809, Ezekiel Hart actually sat in the Assembly for a few days before a new debate to unseat him began. It is noteworthy that this time the debate concluded with the adoption of an expulsion motion introduced by Pierre Bedard and seconded by none other than Louis Joseph Papineau, a new member of the assembly.

The Legislative Council (the Upper house), headed by Thomas Sewell who was not the chief justice, said in effect that a Jew could sit in the Assembly only if he gave evidence of changing his religion and it counselled against dissolving the Assembly because of the Jewish issue.

Governor Craig ignored the advice of his Council and dissolved the Assembly because he felt he could use the Hart expulsion as evidence that the French Canadian majority was out to expel everyone who opposed them. The real issue was their continuing battle to expel the judges.

It, therefore, becomes clear that Ezekiel Hart was again caught in the middle of the struggle for political power. Writing about "l'Affaire Hart (1808-1809)" in **Deuxieme Cahier de Cercle Juif** (1967), Jean-Pierre Wallot, a history professor at the University of Montreal, summed it up this way:

"Without negating the anti-Semitic influence among some of those involved it is necessary to place these incidents in the context of the general struggle....It was a complex situation involving a struggle of the two ethnic groups for political ascendancy, social and religious anti-Semitism, personal rancor and deficiencies in the law. To consider the Hart affair in a vacuum as an isolated manifestation of singular anti-Semitism is to magnify the religious and racial element and to minimize the influence of the political and national influences of the time."

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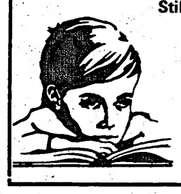
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By CHAIM YEHUDA

On Feb. 21, 1977, The Netherlands issued a commemorative stamp for 75 cents marking the tercentenary of the death of Baruch de Spinoza (1632-1677).

This stamp has been designed from an anonymous portrait of Spinoza, which hangs in the Hague Municipal Museum.

Printed by photogravure on unwatermarked phosphorescent paper by Joh Enschede en Zonen, Haarlem, this stamp is perforated 12¾ x 14.

It is interesting that the subject commemorated fits into several thematic collections: writers, philosophers, paintings, death commemoratives, bachelors, and of course, Judaica.

Spinoza was born to a family of Marranos who had fled from Portugal and had resumed the practice of Judaism outwardly. His family was prosperous and respected in Amsterdam and prominent in the synagogue.

According to The Netherlands Philatelic Services, Spinoza's "liberal views brought him into conflict with his people and at the age of 23 he was accused of heresy on account of oral pronouncements and excommunicated by the synagogue."

Spinoza's works included the **Philosophical Principles of Descartes** (1663) and the **Theological-Political Treatise**, published anonymously in 1670.

His standard work was **Ethics**, published anonymously in 1677, which explained his metaphysical system.

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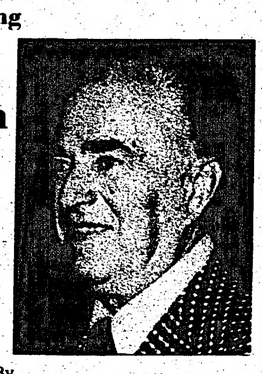
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Organizations and People

Acculturation has disintegrated family supports

Incidence of child abuse increases

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

A Jewish mother is an ideal type — a plump lady who lovingly cooks chicken soup in between Hadassah meetings, smothers her children in affection and is hen to a congenial, tight-knit family.

Some myths die hard.

There are Jewish mothers who are single, have lost the traditional support of their families and find themselves isolated, frustrated — and child abusers.

The Jewish child abuser takes many forms: some are separated spouses; others are immigrants, whose set of societal standards are at variance with the Canadian norm, and many are "ideal" parents who have lost touch with their children.

"As the Jewish community integrates itself into the general community and loses its unique family strength, child abuse is on the increase," says Jewish Family and Child Service social worker Elliot Larman.

Child protection worker for the agency, Larman says child abuse is but o symptom of a larger problem — the disintegration of the supports and controls of the family and the evaporation of authority.

"We can't have it both ways," he says. "For hundreds of years we have fought for acceptance into the total community and acculturation, and now that we have succeeded, in many ways we have incorporated the traits of the host culture."

Ironically, it is because Jews have placed a high value on family life, abuse is one reaction when those traditional ideals are not realized. "Parents sacrifice a lot for their children," says Larman, "and when they don't fulfil expectations, they express rage."

Actual physical violence is not frequent, although the subtle psychological barb is common, he adds. Desertion of children is extremely rare.

Of the 671 children seen by the agency in the past year, about one-quarter involved a question of child protection or prevention of mistreatment.

The agency handles about one new case a month, on top of its regular load. "Very seldom do we use the courts to gain access to a home to see if allegations of child abuse are well-founded or not," notes Larman. Only 38 cases have involved wardships or court appearances in the past year. Close to 25% of the children are from broken homes.

Diane Kemp, senior coordinator of JF&CS's child service, notes that the Jewish community more readily uses social agencies, usually before severe breakdown or separation.

With a background of service in six children's aid societies, she points out that the percentage of admission of Jewish children to care facilities outside the home is dramatically lower than most agencies: 9% compared to 30%.

Offering a prognosis, Ms Kemp says the Jewish community lags only a short distance behind the general population. "The biggest problem (in terms of child abuse) is the isolation of Jews moving out of the geographic centre of the community, where the extended family contacts become less" — the rapidly expanding north-east quadrant, for example.

According to the traditional hypothesis, many child abusers were abused themselves, and as Larman explains, the goal of therapy is to break the cyclical pattern.

JF&CS operates group programs for single mothers and refers many clients to Parents Anonymous run by York-Finch hospital. The parent education classes, he says, are non-judgmental, and often stress "creative selfishness", allowing the single parent to respond to her own needs.

More frequently men are obtaining custody of their children, and Larman, head of the agency's family life education program, is also looking toward involving the non-custodial parent in group programs.

He says the "baby-snatcher" image of children's aid agencies has diminished, but reportage of cases of child abuse in the Jewish community is low. Most referrals are from schools, neighbors or superintendents.

Child abuse occurs less frequently in family-centred societies, he says, such as the kibbutz or commune models, where extended familial patterns are strengthened.

Larman's forecast is optimistic. Traditional family patterns, he claims, are being renewed. "We've gone to the brink," he says, "and now we're coming back."

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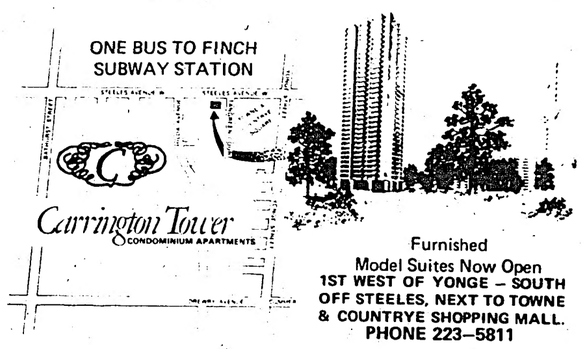

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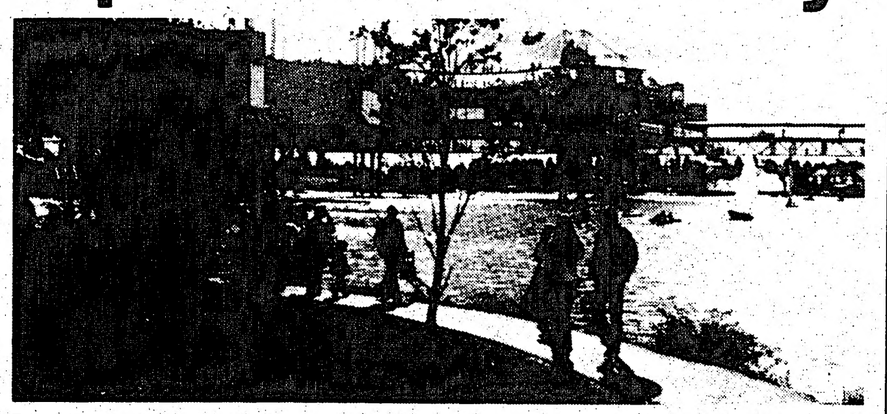

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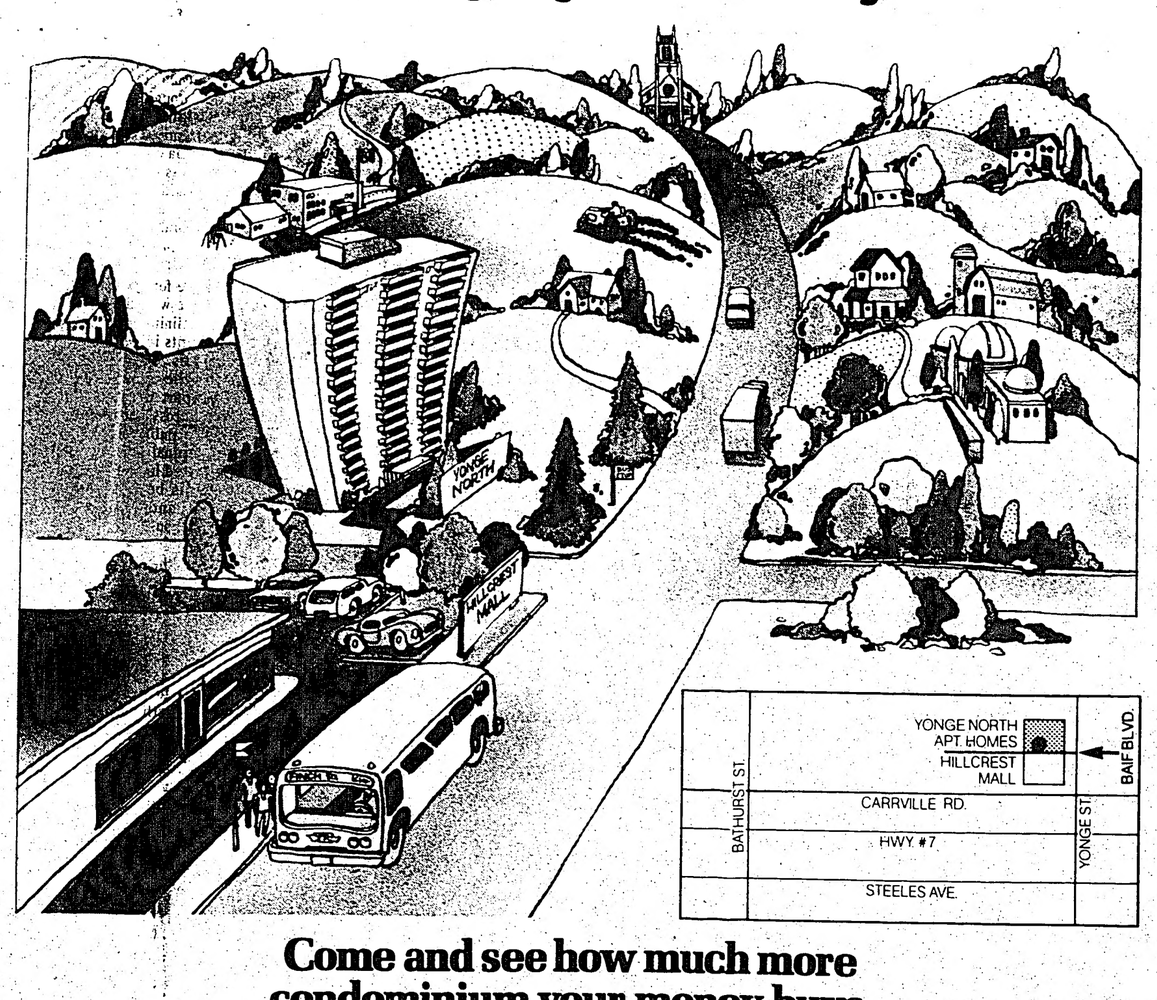

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SECOND SECTION

Jewish brain drain alarms U.S. Congress head

Pride in the accomplishments of Israel must be tempered by the fact that aliyah is on the wane and, in the Diaspora, intermarriage is accelerating at an alarming rate.

This was the message brought to the 18th plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Addressing a large Congress audience immediately after speeches by Israel Ambassadors Chaim Herzog and Mordechai Shalev, Hertzberg expressed concern that Israel needs $2.5 billion a year from the U.S. government and warned that "much can happen on the way to Washington" which could affect the decisions of the administration and Congress.

Turning to the question of aliyah, Hertzberg said that despite adverse conditions for Jews in Russia, South America and South Africa, they are not going to Israel and said this is a problem that must be solved. "There is a Jewish brain drain," he commented, "but the brains are not on the move to Israel."

On the question of intermarriage, Hertzberg gave no statistics except to say that there is a great erosion of Judaism because so many in the U.S. are marrying out of the faith. He said the only reason the Canadian record is not as bad is "because you are still half a generation closer to the boat." He doubted the descendants of one-third of today's Jews would still be Jews.

The AJC president, who has a pulpit in Englewood, N.J., called for a united worldwide Jewry, with "one heart, one mind, one spirit," to solve its problems both in Israel and in the Diaspora. He said Jews lived too long on the goodwill of others and now that they have a spirit of independence, thanks to the establishment of Israel, "we can't become again a people who depend on those who like us today but not tomorrow."

Chaim Herzog, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, said the Arabs are only paying lip service, "which is the cheapest commodity in the Middle East," to the cause of peace and said that those who think the Arabs are taking a more moderate stand are gullible. He held out little hope for a successful solution to the Arab-Israeli problem through the UN.

He said that in their relentless propaganda drive against Israel, the Arabs are trying to drive a wedge between Jew and Jew and many Jews "are falling into the trap" in believing that Arabs want a solution. He said "we must make it clear that no Jew will speak to them unless they cease the sinister distinction between Israeli Jews and other Jews."

Herzog expressed pride in Israel's agricultural and industrial accomplishments and reported that exports of goods and services this year will total $4.5 billion and next year should reach $5.4 billion.

Israel's ambassador to Canada, Mordechai Shalev, praised the friendly relations which exist between Canada and Israel and said "it rests on firm foundations and is in a process of continuous expansion."

Shalev said there is a small group among the nations of the world that offers some resistance to the Arabs' anti-Israel crusade "and Canada is one of these select countries. It has a good record, perhaps better than most, in its voting pattern on the slanderous resolutions at the United Nations and other international organizations."

He said Israel deeply appreciates Canada's stand but added that "there is room for improvement in some positions taken by your country...because we think Canada's position should be measured by the yardstick of its own standards and because of the high regard we have for the principles that guide Canada in its international relations."

Shalev added that while a vote by Canada at the UN and a position by Canada may count the same, officially, as that of any other country, "we know that its moral weight and its political significance are much higher and that is why we attach such great importance to the votes and positions taken by Canada."

Charles Bronfman, Congress associate executive chairman, presided at the session. He called on Saul Hayes for a tribute to Michael Garber, long associated with Congress, who died recently. Hayes said Garber "enriched our lives and leaves us a legacy in Congress for which we must be thankful and which we shall cherish."

'Not enough representation from groups'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

David Satok, the number two man in the Canadian Jewish Congress, chided his organization for ignoring many constituencies of the community.

Addressing about 300 delegates in a plenary session entitled "Community structures — the new reality," the CJC executive committee chairman said there is not proper representation from B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women, synagogue groups (taking in about 50% of the organized community), the francophone community, academics and Israeli and Russian newcomers.

"Officers should actively seek them out," said Satok. "Things will not get done by waiting for them to come to us."

The Torontonian, in his address, called on national organizations to get together to allow for greater efficiency. "Organizational yichus has to go by the board...Too many national organizations are trying to do everything."

He also urged the CJC to provide service to organized communities other than the big cities, and to come to grips with the problems of Jewish education.

In his address, Alan Rose, new CJC executive vice-president, asked: "With two (Winnipeg and Toronto), and possibly three (Montreal) city states, does this mean the structure and by-laws of Congress should take recognition of the concept of the city state rather than the old systems of regions?" This system came into being at an entirely different time, he added, saying provisions would have to be made for smaller communities.

Congress, he continued, will have to do less speaking from platforms and more listening from those who claim to be its constituencies.

Flora Naglie, a Montreal CJC officer, told the large audience that communal flexing of muscles by Congress and Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal as to which is top dog is "a waste of time, money and personnel in a community riddled with serious problems."

She called for the combining of power, people and funds in one strong organization with a strong leadership.

Morley Globerman, past president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, commented that if Congress was to become a federation of city states, it would have a stronger voice in the National Budgeting Conference. He called for more involvement of national organizations in the CJC and for Congress to become a national clearing house for Canadian Jewry.

The following day, there was a session on "funding priorities of the Canadian Jewish community" highlighted by the speech of Milton Harris, Toronto Jewish Congress president.

He warned an audience of about 125 persons "that it is going to be increasingly difficult for the community to maintain the level of consensus on the distribution of funds....The community might turn into warring factions fighting for dollars."

Harris explained that almost every community organization is running a deficit. If the sense of community is lost, education, local Congress programs and fund-raising itself will suffer because cross-currents will lead to a much more difficult time for fund-raisers, he continued.

An end of the consensus might also lead to the United Israel Appeal calling for a two-card campaign (local and Israel) Harris added.

He urged, as did many others at the session, for an end to the multiplicity of campaigns for Israeli institutions. The United Israel Appeal has to be the primary campaign, he asserted.

Hillel Becker, chairman of the AJCS executive committee, was pessimistic about continued funding by the Quebec government of Jewish education. He made his remarks prior to Rene Levesque's address.

He explained one of Montreal's particular problems is helping support 20,000 indigent persons.

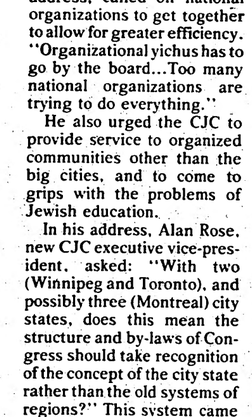
Globerman told the session fund-raisers and spenders should be the same people.

CJN National Director Steve Ain urged leadership not to assume things as given. "We have to re-examine our priorities," he said. "We in Canadian Jewish life have been too reluctant to take a long look."

David Finestone of Montreal complained of the low-level of giving from professionals such as lawyers, doctors and accountants and called for an educational process to raise this level.

Stephen Berger of Toronto said bequest funds are the answer to the money problems. And Harry Steiner of the same city urged that there be no confrontation, but accommodation on this matter.

Nat Hurwich, also of Toronto, argued that people have a right to give to Israeli institutions. "Everyone has a right to set his own priorities."



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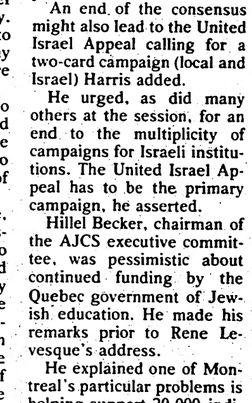

Alan Rose

Congress Associate Executive Chairman Charles Bronfman (right) chats with Premier Rene Levesque prior to latter's address to 1,500 persons at luncheon during plenary assembly.

Four long-time Congress leaders get together. Monroe Abbey (second from left) and Saul Hayes (beside him) received the CJC's highest awards, the Samuel Bronfman Medals, from Judges Harold Lande (left) and Sydney M. Harris, at plenary.

No condemnation of separatism, Bill 1

Congress maintains non-partisan stance

Canadian Jewish Congress has resolved to increase its efforts in the protection of human rights because, in reference to the Quebec situation, "nationalistic movements have in the past, sometimes encroached on civil liberties."

"The Canadian evolution," one of 24 resolutions passed at the plenary assembly, also calls on Congress to continue its support for bilingualism and multiculturalism.

Despite protests from several at the crowded resolutions session, no amendment was made to include a clause condemning Bill One or separatism. The resolution committee decided it would adhere to Congress' policy of maintaining a non-partisan stance.

Another resolution demanded that the candidacy of Roger Delorme be "repudiated and disavowed" by the Progressive Conservative Party.

In a session on community relations, CJC Executive Vice-President Alan Rose labelled Delorme "a hatemonger". He said it's only a political question for the Conservative Party, but a moral question that he might have a voice in Parliament.

The Canadian government should be strongly urged to adopt legislation outlawing public and private compliance in Canada with the Arab boycott, it was resolved, as the boycott is discriminatory and "totally abhorrent to Canadian morality."

Other resolutions include that Congress:

— prepare for the federal authorities a well-documented brief outlining new facts and arguments in relation to war criminals. This presentation to the government should be part of an effort organized across the country to make the public aware of the war criminal problem. It was suggested in the resolution that this be done in a "dramatic and striking" manner, although this was not clarified;

— assist the efforts of "Operation Recognition", which is seeking to allow the admission of Magen David Adom into the league of Red Cross societies;

— appoint a staff person in each region to oversee the concerns of youth and that an annual conference of youth be sponsored;

— the public relations office and the publication of the Congress Bulletin should be resumed because of the increased communication needed with governments, the general and the Jewish communities;

— take over the sponsorship of Viewpoints magazine, in danger of suspension, from the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada;

— revitalize the Bureau of Demographic and Attitudinal Research, in view of the lack of socio-economic data that exists on Canadian Jewry;

— find means to increase the use of Yiddish and Hebrew in its programs and literature. This resolution sparked an emotional exchange on whether Yiddish should be considered the language of all or only Ashkenazim;

— make it known to the Department of External Affairs its concerns about Soviet Jewry, so that it may relay them to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Belgrade in June;

— welcome the establishment of a national committee for Jews in Arab lands to aid the 800,000 Jewish refugees who have been ignored by world governments when discussing the Middle East;

— create expanded programs for outlying communities and

— re-examine the section of the Criminal Code dealing with hate propaganda.

Three amendments to the CJC constitution were passed almost unanimously. They are by-law 61, to allow the honorary president to serve more than one term; by-law 62, to create the position of an associate chairman of the national executive (the post to which Charles Bronfman was appointed in May, 1976); and by-law 64, to permit the appointment of an executive vice-president, in addition to an executive-director.

By-law 63, that would have permitted all past presidents and chairmen to attend officers' meetings but have no vote, was defeated narrowly. The practice of allowing only immediate past presidents and chairmen to attend and have a vote will stand.

Media attacked by CIC official

The Canadian media does not have a great deal of influence on the formulation of Canadian government foreign policy, says the Canada-Israel Committee's director of communications.

Nicholas Simmonds, in a speech during a workshop session to an overflow crowd of 400, cited as an example Mark Gayn's scathing attack on Canadian Middle East policy in Canada's largest circulation daily, the Toronto Star, last year.

"It appears that the mandarins in the External Affairs Department heard oral reports on the article and had to send somebody out to buy a copy of the Star because the only newspaper they read regularly is The Globe and Mail."

Gayn is one of the rare breed of Canadian journalists with a good foreign affairs background, said Simmonds, who has held his position for 18 months. "There is a paucity of qualified Canadian journalists with international experience," he said, noting most information Canadians receive is culled from foreign sources.

By and large, said the Toronto-based media specialist, the image of Israel in the Canadian press is favorable with some notable exceptions.

An example of a media display of negative attitudes, according to Simmonds, is **As It Happens**, the top-rated CBC radio pop news show. "In addition to taking a fairly jaundiced view of Israel and a somewhat romantic view of the PLO," said Simmonds, "it strangely decided that the report of the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination, which hit the front pages of newspapers across the country and the national newscasts, was not newsworthy and chose to ignore it entirely." He noted that in Toronto, however, the program is heard by only 50% of the audience CFRB has at the same time.

He also attacked CBC's National TV news for failure to run an on-the-spot report on the "Good Fence" despite the fact that CBS News, which the National uses for much of its foreign reporting, carried the story in some detail, as did CTV National News.

Throughout much of his address, Simmonds was critical of the media.

"...We have a duty to ourselves and to the cause in which we all believe, to be realistic and accept that we are dealing with a commodity, which is produced by big media to make money and that journalists, often despite claims to the contrary, are no more objective or impartial than you or I.

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Jews of Europe face...

A 'spiritual holocaust'

Jews of Europe are faced with the possibility of a "spiritual holocaust," the 18th plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress was told by Lord Fisher of Camden, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Lord Fisher, one of 39 Jews in the British House of Lords, said "there is a general weakening of Jewish commitment and consciousness, an erosion from within which in the long term can be as deadly as attack from without."

In Eastern Europe, he said, the aim of governments, as laid down by the Soviet Union, is the destruction of Jewish beliefs, Jewish principles, the Jewish code of law — "indeed all that has been the basis of western civilization."

In Western Europe there is little overt anti-Semitism. What there is, exists in the form of propaganda from extreme groups or an attempt to deny the Holocaust "to stifle guilt complexes." It is the Jews' own disregard for Judaism that is causing the erosion of their position.

Lord Fisher said every effort must be made to get Jews out of Russia "for the hope lies only in that the Soviet Union will be faced with the intractable problem that the movement of Jews cannot be stopped naturally and there is a limit to the sadistic measures which the authorities can impose to destroy Jewish feeling."

U.S. community leader Philip Klutznick, a former president of B'nai B'rith and former chairman of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, said the world must come to the realization that Israel has a right to live.

The main problem, he said, is that Islam is a religion with a political connotation and cannot tolerate a non-Islamic entity in its midst — like Israel. Only time will overcome this attitude.

Klutznick declared that only the government of Israel can determine the terms of the eventual settlement with the Arabs and no other body or individuals should attempt to dictate a solution.

He said Jewish education is becoming a matter for public action and expressed the opinion that it is "legitimate" to teach Hebrew and Jewish studies in schools and universities as part of world history. He called for public financial support for such a program.

Prior to the speeches by Lord Fisher and Klutznick, two veteran Congress leaders, Saul Hayes and Monroe Abbey, were presented with the Samuel Bronfman Medal "for meritorious service." The presentation was made to Hayes by Judge Sydney M. Harris, and to Abbey by Judge Harold Lande.

Meanwhile, the National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands has asked Defence Minister Barney Danson to explain a letter to the committee chairman, Judy Feld Carr, in which he outlined reasons for not visiting with Jews of Damascus when he made an official visit there recently. Mrs. Carr had asked Danson, in a letter on April 19, for these reasons.

She read Danson's reply (sent May 6) at a session of the Congress plenary. Danson said he was under considerable time pressure and on a rigid schedule while in Damascus and did not have a free day, as he had requested.

He then said in his letter that "there were other aspects more germane to your specific concerns which have some hope of success, rather than publicity which might

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Two of Congress's top officials share a lighter moment with Secretary of State John Roberts (right), prior to his speech. They are David Satok of Toronto, chairman of the national executive, and Dorothy Reitman of Montreal, who won the contest as secretary.

(IPPA photograph)

CUP WINNER

Chief of Staff Gen. Moti Gur presents army football cup to the Central Command after its team beat the navy team 3–0 in the Israel defence forces soccer final played in Petah Tikva recently.

TJC to run institute for program planners

TORONTO — An opportunity for program planners to acquaint themselves with techniques and resources of programing will be provided at the Adult Education Institute for Program Planners.

Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of the Jewish Cultural Council, Toronto Jewish Congress, the Institute will take place on Thursday, May 26th at 7 p.m. at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst.

This year the committee has provided its first take-home kit of program planning materials on the topic of "Jewish Marriage and Family," prepared by Dr. Leo Davids. It includes essays, articles, media resources, bibliographies, suggested topics and speakers, and several "instant programs."

A program based on the theme of "Jewish Marriage and Family" has been prepared for the evening of the institute. Session one will demonstrate the use of media in the presentation of programs. A videotape trigger film is being created for this purpose and the session will also feature small group discussions aided by discussion guides.

Session two will provide an opportunity for participants to examine displays of program resources and to exchange ideas.

For Session three, a panel of distinguished speakers will discuss the topic "Changing Family Relationships Through the Life Cycle." The moderator will be Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, rabbi of Clanton Park Synagogue.

Panelists will include Mary Blum, director and chief psychologist of the Child and Adolescent Services of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Health Unit; Jerry Diamond, executive director of the Jewish Family and Child Service; and Sarah Wayman, supervisor for social services at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Registration fee for the institute is $2.50. For reservations, phone Lilian Barton at 869-3811.

Joe Berman talks out on UJA's campaign

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canvassers get worn out;

— The Toronto Jewish Congress and United Israel Appeal must come to terms on a fair share for Israel before the campaign starts so campaign workers will know exactly what each partner shares in the campaign;

— New and greater involvement is needed from the whole community. In the U.S., more dollars are being raised from fewer contributors. This must not happen here. At present, 65% of the Toronto community is involved and this should be increased at least to 95%;

— More than just eyeball-to-eyeball canvassing is needed because it's too time consuming. There should be a self-motivation program to encourage contributors to come forward on their own and

— Better structuring of the campaign is required to provide for smooth continuity.

'Business will weather the economic storm'

TORONTO [Staff] — These are not happy days for Canada's $34 billion construction industry — the largest in the country — but Glen Markus isn't too worried.

Though the outlook for the industry is bleak — 650,000 workers out of jobs and contractors are going bankrupt with a regularity reminiscent of the Depression — Markus is hopeful that his business will weather the economic storm.

"I'm optimistic," says the Toronto president of Markus Builders Supply Canada Ltd. "I think things'll work out."

Judging by the ring of the cash register, Markus, 30, is probably right. He won't reveal annual sales — much less profits — but such is the state of his family's company that it is now negotiating to buy a five-acre site to house its lumber supply.

As well, the firm — which has its headquarters in Montreal — is thinking of expanding into western Canada. Markus says the Montreal branch will stay open, separatism or no separatism.

"As long as there's business in Quebec, we'll be there," he says.

Markus Builders Supply, now going into its 30th year, is the culmination of Louis Markus' dream. An energetic man with vision and a burning desire to succeed where others had failed, Markus decided to stop dreaming and parlay his ideas into a concrete reality.

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Together with his wife, Markus formed a small business to supply contractors and tradesmen with a limited range of tools and building materials. It grew by leaps and bounds as housing starts increased and in time became one of the largest outfits of its kind in Canada.

Today the company has warehouses in three cities — London, Ontario being the third one — employs about 150 persons, holds exclusive distributorships, imports materials from abroad and carries an inventory of some one million items worth $1.5 million.

The whole operation is run by Glen's father, Gerald. He is assisted by two of his other sons, Percy and Bruce.

Glen started in the business when he was only 16. He worked as a common laborer and then as a salesman behind the counter before opening the Toronto branch a few years ago.

The 24,000-square-foot warehouse, of which he is in charge, is stocked with the 'tools' of the trade — mixing pans and mortar mixers, shovels and sponges, nails and wire, stucco mesh, brooms, lumber, machinery, steel. For the last several years, Markus' major product has been wallboard. They supplied two-thirds of the wallboard for the new Toronto Eaton Centre.

Markus conducts 99% of its business with tradesmen, contractors and subcontractors, and its fleet of boom and flatbed trucks delivers to construction sites.

"Our business was built on good service," says Peter Lowe, manager of the Toronto operation and Glen's right-hand man.

Though the majority of sales are Canadian, Markus exported about $10,000 worth of products to Africa, Australia and Iran last year, Glen disclosed. Markus has had no commercial contacts with either Israel or the Arab world.

Most of the stock on hand is made in North America, but Japan supplies a good part of the wallboard nails and screws.

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At Reena Foundation group home, residents partake in a sabbath meal. Some have found a new identity in Judaism. Foundation operates two group homes for mentally retarded. It also runs a camp in Palgrave, Ont.

Reena — bridging the gap

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

For 29 of his 40 years, Albert (not his real name) lived in a state institution. On July 4, he and four other retarded adults will board a plane for a month's trip to Israel, under qualified supervision.

In just a year-and-a-half, Albert bridged the gap from a totally dependent existence to that of a self-respecting, contributing member of society who is now able to function within the community.

He has found a new identity in Judaism, something he knew little of while institutionalized, and is earning a living in maintenance work while upgrading his skills in a woodworking course.

Albert has received a lot of help from a lot of people, and he, in turn, has also become a giver and not just a taker. He is a regular volunteer at Participation House for cerebral palsied adults.

His is one of several success stories made possible by the work done at the two group homes for retarded adults operated by the Reena Foundation.

The Reena concept of bringing the institutionalized back into the community began in January, 1973. By the summer of 1975, Camp Reena opened at Palgrave, Ontario, on 50 acres of land acquired through the generosity of private donors. The campsite, consisting of a pool, a pond, six cabins, dining room and recreation hall, is operated through private funds.

The group homes receive 80% of their funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services. In two periods this summer, 100 campers ranging in age from 11 to 37 will attend Camp Reena.

"We want to open another group home," says Reena Executive Director Sandy Keshen. "There is such a long waiting-list of people who can benefit from this new experience, but we are always short of funds, like most agencies."

A gala Monte Carlo night, planned and organized by a committee of volunteers, will be held at the home of Helen and Joe Berman on Saturday, May 28, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

To alleviate parking problems, those attending are being asked to park their cars at the Don Mills Shopping Centre, where buses will be waiting (behind Eaton's) to take them to the Berman home.

Anyone wishing to attend or who requires further information may call the Reena office at 630-3035. Admission for evening is $25 per couple.

Book fair largest ever

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

This year, for the first time, Canadian publishers were participants in the Jerusalem International Book Fair.

The fair, a biennial event, is the eighth so far, and this year's was larger than ever, attracting some 800 publishers from 43 countries and 120 exhibitors from Israel.

The Canadian Book Publishers' Council represented 15 Canadian publishers at the fair, and the 75 books on display included such modern Canadian classics as W.O. Mitchell's **Who Has Seen the Wind**, and Margaret Laurence's **The Diviners.**

At the fair's opening ceremony, Mexican poet Octavio Paz was recipient of this year's Jerusalem Prize, a prestigious award made to artists whose work expresses the theme: the freedom of the individual in society.

The more than 100,000 Israeli visitors who flocked to the fair amply confirmed the description: "People of the Book." Israel is one of the world's leading per capita consumer of books, and for the exhibitors it was a new experience to see the book-loving Israeli public — parents, schoolchildren, and soldiers, browsing through books which they were not allowed to purchase, and which they had to pay an entrance fee to see.

"It's very nice," commented Malcolm Lester, a Canadian publisher from Toronto, in an interview. He said the public had expressed interest in all the books on display, which included children's literature, cookery and other interest topics, novels and poetry.

However, most interest had been generated by a handsome volume of photographic portraits by Karsh, George Swinton's book **Sculpture of the Eskimos**, and **Persia**, a magnificent photographic essay by Roloff Beny.

(Former Israeli premier Golda Meir, who visited the fair, appeared keenly interested in Swinton's book on the Eskimos, and a representative of the Canadian Book Publishers Council said later that he had arranged to send her a copy.)

However, Lester pointed out that the visitors' interest was really secondary to the purpose for which the Canadian publishers were there. "Our purpose is to develop contacts with Israeli and world publishers. We are very satisfied with contacts so far — and that, after all, is what the fair is all about."

Contacts so far promise a 1,000-volume order for Beny's book, and an offer from Massada publishers of Israel to do a Hebrew translation of Philippe van Rjndt's book **The Tetramachus Collection**, a suspense and espionage tale, whose subject is the Vatican's complicity in the murder of Jews in the Second World War.

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MONTREAL

AROUND THE TOWN
By JANICE ARNOLD

TEDDY KOLLEK

Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** will address the annual dinner of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, May 25, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

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FOX FETED

A literary evening marking the publication of **Chaim Leib Fox**'s book, **Eighth Heaven**, will be held at the Jewish Public Library, May 28, at 8:30 p.m. The evening will be in Yiddish.

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REFUSENIK HEADS STUDIO

Refusenik **Mikhail Berkut** has been named artistic director of the Russian Ballet School of Montreal. The 45-year-old ballet master emigrated to Rome from the Soviet Union, in November 1975, after waiting almost a year for his exit visa. During his colorful career, Berkut was chief director of "special events" for the Soviet government and choreographer at the Moscow Theatre Institute.

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GALA DANCE

The B'nai B'rith Montreal Singles Chapter will stage a gala dance, May 29, at Congregation Anshei Ozeroff on Bourret near Coolbrook. Ballroom music will be featured.

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OH CANADA KITS

The Saidye Bronfman Centre is offering **Keith Spicer**'s "Oh Canada" games for children free in the lobby Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The game has been banned in Quebec schools. Supplies are limited at the Centre.

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18TH ANNIVERSARY

MNA **Dr. Victor Goldbloom** and Hampstead Mayor **Irving Adessky** will be among the guests attending the triple celebration this Sunday at the Reconstructionist Synagogue. This spring marks the 18th anniversary of the congregation, the 10th anniversary of the building of the synagogue, and the completion of an addition to the synagogue. The congregation has grown from 16 families in 1959 to over 200 today.

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MAY RALLY

The May Liberation Rally of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression will be held May 29 in the Windsor Hotel at 10 a.m.

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MAYOR SAM MEMORIAL

A month-long campaign to raise $300,000 has been launched to erect the **Samuel Moskovitch** Memorial Community and Sports Centre at the ORT school in Ashkelon, Israel. Ashkelon and Cote St. Luc, of which the late Moskovitch was mayor for many years, were twinned in the fall of 1975. Honorary chairman of the campaign is **Gordon Brown** and chairman is **Norman Spector**. Campaign closes June 18.

DELORME PROTEST

The Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression has joined the growing list of those protesting the candidacy of **Roger Delorme**. "Mr. Delorme has made remarks insulting to the memory of the six million Jewish martyrs who perished in the Holocaust and repeatedly equated Zionism with Nazism and racism," president **Aba Beer** says in a telegram to Conservative leader Joe Clark.

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RESEARCHER AT SHAAR

Dr. **David Weiss**, chairman of the department of immunology at the Hadassah Hospital and one of Israel's outstanding scientists, will join in the Shabbat family dinner tonight at the Shaar Hashomayim. Tomorrow he will speak from the pulpit, at the Kiddush and at the Seudah Shlishit in the evening.

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SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal commissioner **Micki Bregman** will be seeking re-election for another four-year term June 13. She is campaigning for the seat in the new Ward 8 (formerly Ward 7), which encompasses the Cote des Neiges district.

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Philip Katz

BEN-GURION U

The new national director of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is **Philip Katz**. Katz is currently on leave from the university, where he has served as director of the Public Affairs Department. A graduate of the Rabbinical Seminary of Budapest, he held a number of top executive posts in the U.S., including founding director of the B'nai B'rith Commission on Israel.

CJC Eastern Region chairman says...

'First priority is greater unity'

MONTREAL [Staff] — Greater unity within the Jewish community with more participation from the grassroots level is the primary goal of newly-elected Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, Chairman Dr. Melvyn Schwartzben.

"If we can strengthen ourselves from within, then I believe we can face any external problem," said the 46-year-old dentist. "This includes our educational, religious and cultural institutions."

Schwartzben has coined the slogan "Project U", that is, individuals and organizations must have the "unselfishness" to unify for the betterment of the whole.

He avoided using the term "merger", saying only he endorsed the "spirit" of a merger of Allied Jewish Community Services and Congress along the lines of the unions of the community structures in Toronto and Winnipeg. "If there is a merger, it has to be democratically developed," he added.

"There must be a greater effort to meet the new challenges that confront us. The participation of everyone, especially those groups not heard previously, is necessary. We are not a monolithic community."

Specifically, Schwartzben feels Sephardim and Ashkenazim must set aside past differences and work together. "I believe I can bridge the gap between Sephardim and Ashkenazim. I speak their language and I understand them."

While Congress is still the "most democratic" institution the community has, he believes the leadership can no longer "sit in an ivory tower."

Schwartzben likes to speak of a Congress that will be a "travelling Parliament" — one that will "go to the people where they are" and not wait for the people to come to it.

"The frustrations and anxieties of the average Jew must be understood by the leadership. The leadership, however, can't say, in effect, we know best what the people want. The grassroots must have a greater voice in the decision-making process. Since we have different challenges today, the old methodology may not be adequate."

Dr. Mel Schwartzben

He sees the role of a leader as one who listens, evaluates and then guides the populace.

The new Eastern Region chairman avoided any direct comment on what course of action Quebec Jews should take in the crucial years immediately ahead.

"I want to strengthen the Jewish community in this province so that we can live here as comfortably as possible. We are part of this Quebec society; Jews have lived here for over 200 years and contributed to the well-being of the whole population. I don't see any dichotomy in being a Quebecois and a Jew — but we have to be Jews first."

Jewish education has been a keen interest with Schwartzben for many years and he is now a leading member of the Jewish Education Council.

He is not opposed to the increased usage of French in the Jewish schools, pointing out that the day school system has always been in the forefront of integrating more French into the curriculum, but maintains that English must be preserved as a second language in the schools.

"Jews cannot go unilingual French. To retain communication with other Jews we must be able to speak English. Although Mr. Levesque may not like to hear this, English is the international language of Judaism."

Schwartzben is also a member of the Synagogue Council and president of the United Jewish Teacher's Seminary. His wife, Sonia, is principal of the United Orthodox Schools. They have three sons.

Honorary fellowship given Mitzi Dobrin by Bar-Ilan

MONTREAL — Mitzi S. Dobrin, head of the Miracle Mart store chain here, has broken tradition by becoming the first Canadian woman to receive an honorary fellowship from Bar-Ilan University.

Making a first public appearance since his recent appointment to the presidency of the university, Dr. Emanuel Rackman of New York presented Mrs. Dobrin with the special honor before 500 guests at the Montreal chapter dinner of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan.

Simultaneously, Abe Chodos, president of the chapter, announced that the dinner contributions would make possible the opening of a new cancer research project at the university's science laboratories.

This marks the second time in recent months that Mrs. Dobrin has cracked the domain of traditionally male-dominated institutions.

Daughter of Sam Steinberg, chairman of Steinberg Supermarkets and wife of Mel Dobrin, its president, she was appointed the first woman ever to sit on the board of directors of the Royal Bank earlier this year.

In accepting the Bar-Ilan honor at the Shaar Hashomayim dinner, she emphasized her family's hope that the establishment of the new project will accelerate Bar-Ilan's search for a cancer cure.

Cell biology is now one of the major research fields at the university's Department of Life Sciences, installed in a new five-storey campus building which houses a powerful electron microscope unit, an important aspect in cancer research.

Dr. Rackman, whose many posts have included the presidencies of the Rabbinical Council of America, New York Board of Rabbis and the Association of Jewish Chaplains, will move to Israel.

"This is a new career for me after so many years on this continent," he explained. "I welcome it as most opportune....I am going to Bar-Ilan where students are committed not only to excellence in the arts and sciences but to the search of the spirit," he added.

Mitzi S. Dobrin — a drawing by Lou Seligson.

"Where else in the world is there a university where all the students — 7,500 — spend 25% of their time in Judaic studies in addition to math, science and history?"

Among those in attendance at the head table were Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky, vice-chairman, international Board of Bar-Ilan trustees; Philip F. Vineberg, dinner chairman; Simon Cobrin, Mel Dobrin, Sam Steinberg, co-chairmen of the cancer research project, and Zvi Caspi, Israel's consul general in Montreal.

Grim picture painted of shtetl in memoirs

By HENRY SREBRNIK

MONTREAL — "It's the greatest gift for a man to remember the past and then give over what he remembers in writing."

For Meilech (Max) Schiff, May, 1977 is quite a month: he turns 84 on the 25th, and Vantage Press in New York is releasing his memoirs.

Meilech Schiff

The book, **Lost Boryslaw**, recounts Meilech's first 32 years of life in his home shtetl of Boryslaw, a town in the Galician part of Poland, under Austrian rule before World War I. Nestled in the Carpathian Mountains, about 120 kilometers from Lemberg (now Lwow), Boryslaw had a mixed population of Poles, Ukrainians and Jews, with the latter accounting for half the population of 20,000.

In the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Jews of Galicia were economically worse off, but were treated better politically, than was the case in Congress (czarist) Poland.

Meilech's book certainly paints a grimly realistic picture of a Jewish shtetl in the midst of poverty. This is no idealized, sentimental tract. Fear of hunger and cold gave rise to even a Jewish underworld, including thieves and prostitutes. Yet he looks back to his early experiences with fondness.

Even though "life was not spread out with red carpets", and there was misery, "you always look back to where you spent your youth, and can't help loving it." Of course, most Jews in the town, he adds, were fine and upright people.

Nonetheless, things became intolerable after 1919, when Galician Poland became a battleground between rival nationalist Polish and Ukrainian armies. Both sides, "wherever they had a chance, killed Jews right and left." Though Boryslaw was spared the worst of it, nearby Lemberg suffered horrible pogroms.

Meilech is a short, affable man. Silver-haired but balding, he looks a bit like one of Snow White's Seven Dwarfs as he recounts his decision to leave his shtetl in 1925.

He ended up in this country "by accident", after first trying the U.S. and Argentina. "When your goal was to leave Poland in a hurry, it really didn't matter much where you went."

He has, however, never regretted coming to Canada, and on the 50th anniversary of his arrival, in 1975, wrote a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau, expressing his gratitude. Trudeau replied, calling the letter "one I shall value highly".

Most of the people he left behind in Boryslaw were eventually murdered by the Nazis in World War II, he said.

Already a skilled carpenter, in Montreal he eventually began his own upholstery factory, and prospered. He now lives with his wife in an apartment in Snowdon, since all his children are grown and out of the house.

He has seen the Jewish community in this city change radically in the course of the last half-century. Most striking, in his eyes, is the fact that "Yiddish disappeared, and religion came back".

Also, many Jews were more radical then, and he recalled the electoral campaign of the Communist Fred Rose in the old immigrant Cartier riding in 1943.

Not a man of few words, Meilech certainly loves to share his past with his friends, both orally and in print.

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'Backbiting in CJC is destructive'

By MEL SOLMAN

In a strongly-worded speech before the Congress session on outlying communities, S. Paul Zive, of Halifax, called on the national Jewish organizations to agree upon a single direction so as to end the intense competition "for our affection and our dollars."

"The constant bickering, the political infighting, the backbiting and the jealousies that are rampant with the ranks of our national organization," he said, "are not only counter-productive but ultimately self-destructive."

He said that if Canadian Jewry is to continue to exist outside the major urban centres, there must be unity and a definition of purpose by the major Jewish organizations.

He challenged the organizations to set their priorities straight and to, at least, unify their functions, so that there would no longer be an overlapping of programs.

What he recommended as a solution for the problems of the outlying communities was a special kind of regionalization. Smaller communities should form a region of their own. For example, all the smaller communities of Ontario would be in one region. The communities of that region would act in an autonomous way in complete co-operation with whomever chooses to co-operate with them.

Zive also echoed the complaint by the other speakers at the session that major Jewish organizations seem to view the outlying Jewish regions exclusively in terms of fund-raising potential.

The other representatives from outlying communities were Professor Irwin Talesnick from Kingston, Lyn Roiter from Quebec City, Rochelle Simons from Cambridge, Ont., Rhoda Friedin from Moose Jaw and Martin Levin, Victoria.

Meanwhile the plenary session on religious affairs emphasized the centrality of the synagogue in Jewish life. Rabbi Allan M. Langner, one of the chairman of the session on religious affairs, said that despite the talk of dwindling religious attendance, the synagogue remains the central institution in Jewish life.

"No other form of organization or institution could ever replace it," he declared.

Rabbi Saul L. Teplitz, vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America, also emphasized the crucial role of the synagogue. "The synagogue," he said, "must develop clarity of expression and audibility of tone. To achieve this end, it has to reflect a respect and an appreciation for the differing religious interpretations within Judaism. I am convinced that there is no place for an imperialism of Jewish religious belief which swallows all others."

Rabbi Teplitz felt that the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform spokesmen should not be afraid to talk to each other, even if they simply agree to disagree. The strength of the Jewish community, he said, does not lie in its uniformity, but in its willingness to subscribe to unity in the midst of diversity.

The Synagogue Council of America, of which Rabbi Teplitz is vice-president, brings together the official national leadership of the three streams of Jewish affiliation with an equal representation of lay and rabbinic individuals.

Another of the guest speakers, Bishop Eugene P. Larocque of Cornwall, Ont., stressed that what could be learned from the Jewish people was how they managed to preserve their language and culture.

"This accomplishment," he said, "comes as a result of religious faith and a belief in a strong family structure."

He noted that the francophones of Quebec have also drawn their strength from a religious faith and a dedication to the family. He hoped that the recently established liaison committee between the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Council of Churches and the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops would eventually be enhanced with members of Canada's Moslem community.

Emotionally stirring assembly

Plenary probes deeply

IN MY VIEW

By CHARLES LAZARUS

Now that the kings and captains of Canada's Jewish community have departed from what can surely be described as the most successful Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly ever, some random thoughts and opinions, not necessarily in order of importance:

If there was ever any doubt that Congress is still the central structure of Canada's Jewish community, truly the representative Parliament and democratic arena for the airing of all views and attitudes — some of the air occasionally irrepressibly hot — it was dispelled at this convention.

The quality of debate, the skill of the professional and volunteer organizers, the capacity attendance at all sessions, and above all the deep and intelligent probing into issues of Jewish concern, were of the highest level of any Congress assembly I've ever attended. Yasher koach to all responsible.

Now that this plenary assembly has confirmed without doubt that it is the one national and regional body that brings everything together; the body that cuts across geographic and organizational divisions; the body that has earned its position of prestige and influence above all others — let there be an end to any talk of changing the terms of reference, or merging its unique mandate with any other organization, particularly Allied Jewish Community Services.

If anything, let Congress' role be expanded, strengthened and sufficiently funded to permit the extension of services for the community which may be facing a traumatic moment of truth, in what may turn out to be the watershed of Canadian history.

Premier Rene Levesque's speech was superb showbiz, since he has become the quintessential flim-flammer — one who believes his own power and publicity and is even able to double-talk a few into believing his sales pitch.

Mr. Levesque told it the way it is and the way he would like it to be — artfully assuring that subsidies to Jewish day schools would not dry up, and not-so-artfully ending his performance with todah and shalom, which is an improvement over the traditional mazel tov we used to get from non-Jewish guest speakers anxious to prove to Jewish audiences that some of their best friends are Gentile.

Mr. Levesque's assurances — it wasn't quite a formal announcement, which is more of an official commitment — were greeted with applause so thunderous (the mark of a good showman is timing), that it drowned out the noise of him dropping the other shoe: that Jewish day schools will have to pay back the subsidies in the form of moving closer to total French immersion. Most of the audience, I think, hardly realized the ominous significance of his remarks.

In fact, after it was all over a little elderly lady walked over to me, her face beaming with pleasure, and asked, "Can we really believe what he said?" Believe it, I replied, please believe it!

Possibly the most touching of the sessions was the one on the struggle of smaller Jewish communities across Canada to stay alive.

In fact, if anything I would say that, in terms of Jewish spiritual and cultural survival, it was the most tellingly organized and emotionally stirring, because if Jewish life anywhere is eroded, whether through harassment in Russia or neglect by the organized big city organizations in North America, we are through as a people.

The eye-witness accounts of the length to which the responsible and committed Jews in these communities will go to keep their identity and preserve the heritage, deserves the priority attention of Congress' new president, Rabbi Gunther Plaut. Setting up a strong national and regional program of support to smaller communities could earn him recognition as one of CJC's great presidents in an already illustrious honor role.

Rabbi Plaut, as the new nominal leader of Canadian Jewry, also faces the challenge of providing assurance of viability and support to Quebec's Jewish community as part of the national collectivity — even as the turmoil and apprehension flowing out of Rene Levesque's nationalist dreams or fantasies continue to expand.

The new president must make it clear to Parti Quebecois leaders that cultural identity of any people is something Canadian Jews support and appreciate — but not at the price of any diminution of rights established under the BNA Act, no matter how this diminution is covered up by tricks of semantics and the flow of flim-flam.

Finally a suggestion for the next plenary: It should not be necessary to have so many speakers talk endlessly of things the 1,000 delegates representing Canadian Jews have already endorsed and supported — Israel, Jewish education, Soviet Jewry, etc.

Next time let's devote one full sessiion to all such speakers to sell us what we've already bought, call it "Coals-to-Newcastle Session," then get on with the business of tackling problems, which is what the plenary assembly is really all about.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Bora Laskin (right) shakes hands with Congress Past President Judge Sydney Harris after being honored at Congress plenary luncheon. Looking on is Donald Carr of Toronto who chaired the CJC assembly event.

Ben-Gurion U dedicates Maxwell Cummings plaza

By MARCIA KRETZMER

BEERSHEBA — In a dedication ceremony hosted by President Ephraim Katzir last week at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the new central campus plaza was named for Maxwell Cummings of Montreal.

The tribute, planned in honor of Cummings' 80th birthday, was in recognition of the Cummings family foundation's support of a broad spectrum of desert research related to the development of the Negev region, which is being carried out at Ben-Gurion University.

President Katzir, Yosef Tekoah, president of Ben-Gurion University, and Michael Bell, charge d'affaires at the Canadian embassy, praised the Cummings' continuing support of desert research as evidence of the close relations between Israel and Canada.

Desert research is only one of the beneficiaries of Maxwell Cummings' philanthropy. Other beneficiaries include the Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and McGill University, as well as a host of medical and scientific projects in North America and Israel. Born in St. John, New Brunswick, and a resident of Montreal since 1911, he is well known in the Montreal business community for his pioneering approach to low-cost housing, and in the Jewish community for his many public offices.

Cummings' sons, Jack and Robert, and 12 other members of the Cummings family, and friends, arrived in Israel from Canada and the U.S. for the dedication, which included the unveiling of a plaque by Cumming's nine-year-old grandson Keith. They were joined by about 80 members of the UIA in two groups, one headed by Mel Levine of Montreal, and the other, a Young Leadership group, headed by Susan Flanders. Mrs. Flanders' husband Eric is president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University. In a speech, Flanders declared: "Ben-Gurion's dream of making the desert bloom cannot remain a dream. It will become a prophecy, and people like Maxwell, Jack, and Robert Cummings are helping to make it so."

During the course of their visit, the Cummings family were guests at a Bedouin encampment, at the invitation of Bedouin students at Ben-Gurion University. The day following the ceremony, the group paid a visit to Ben-Gurion's former home at Sde Boker, and toured the Desert Research Institute there.

Jerusalem parade

MONTREAL [Staff] — Gen. Uzi Narkiss, who led the troops that liberated Jerusalem, will lead the Yom Yerushalayim parade through the streets of Montreal, May 29.

Joining the general will be federal, provincial and municipal politicians, Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Shalev and at least 10,000 marchers in the biggest demonstration of mass solidarity with Israel Montreal will have seen in years.

It is hoped the parade, organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation, will attract many non-Jews as well. Ten ethnic groups have already confirmed that they will take part.

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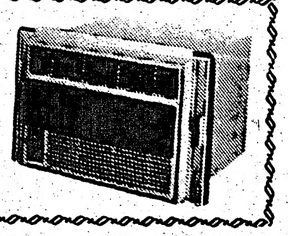

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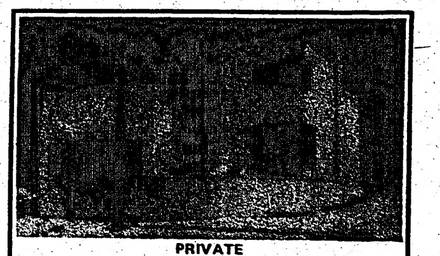

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Toronto based poet Ken Samberg

Ken Samberg's poetry

'A bona fide Jewish attitude'

By SHLOIME PEREL

TORONTO —
Ken Samberg, a graduate student at the University of Toronto, is fast emerging as one of Canada's better known poets.

A native of the Bronx, in New York City, Samberg's poetry — which forms a poetic diary of his life's experiences — has been published by the prestigious Dalhousie Review, York University's Waves and the University of Toronto's Lamedon Review.

In February of this year, CBC radio featured a reading of his poetry, much of whose themes revolve around Judaism.

Samberg first began writing poetry while at Dalhousie University in 1968. Coming from his home in New York City, the new isolation motivated him to self-expression.

"Poetry seemed the most suitable expression for my feelings and emotions, since it allows for the conveying of intense experience," he explained. "A lot of changes that have gone through my life are expressed in my poems."

Moving to Toronto six years ago, he found a Jewish life to which he could relate, particularly at Hillel, where he lived. "The greatest discovery of my life has to do with my discovery of Judaism," he says. "Coming to live in the Hillel House was a turning point in my life and in my writing."

He hopes to begin a Jewish poetry workshop at Hillel, where he has in the past organized a series of evenings with Jewish poets, including Irving Layton, Miriam Waddington and Elie Mandel.

Poetry to Samberg is a means of subjecting reality to a sharp focus. To him, the use of language and imagery in poetry "is a means of expressing in highly concentrated form emotions, experiences, and reflections, just as a magnifying glass concentrates the sun's rays into an enormously small parameter."

Samberg's use of Jewish themes can be quite pronounced but may also be subtle and indirect. For instance, the poem **Sheaves of Grain**, while not containing any direct Jewish references, bases itself on a Jewish prayer. Its meaning, Samberg says, is that "though a man may suffer and weep as he carries seeds to the planting, he will some day return with joy, bearing sheaves of grain. Sorrow has borne fruit if it leads to a process of maturing and living at peace with oneself."

His reworking of **Dror Yikra**, a Hebrew poem by the medieval Spanish Jewish poet Donash Ibn Labrat, expresses his humanistic orientation. "I was participating at the Hillel Oneg Shabbat and wanted to give everyone a gift — so I did a rendition into English of **Dror Yikra** and gave all the participants a copy. The poem affirms the author's concern for human beings, and I'm affirming this concern, too."

Much of his work is a rejection of "uncompromising individualism.

"One must also be for other human beings — one cannot be the isolated human entity that some people would like to be. This is a bona fide Jewish attitude. The sage Hillel expressed it in **Pirkei Avot**: 'If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now, when?' "

This idea is also expressed in a poem about the Italian working women of the garment shop where Samberg worked, in which the song of the seamstress is seen as symbolizing the possibility of a new life.

Samberg conceives of his poetry as a relationship of the personal to the social. "I consider my poems to be a gift to the general public. The publication of a poem to me is the giving of a gift, a very personal gift."

Weinzweig's 'Sonata' highlight of program

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Peter Schenkman is one of North America's better known cellists, and his recital performance at Beth Tzedec on May 1 displayed not only his superb performing ability but also his laudatory choice of material and choice of accompanist — pianist Monica Gaylord.

The better a featured artist is, the more skilful the accompanist must be. The accompanist must be able to firmly support and complement the featured performer without overpowering him/her. Monica Gaylord provided this perfect sense of complementation as opposed to mere supplementation.

This ideal sense of unity between featured performer and accompanist worked best in John Weinzweig's **Sonata** (1949), which, in my opinion, was the high point of the evening.

Written as a tribute to the newly created state of Israel, this tour de force uses motives from an ancient Yemenite melody as its base, and then develops its central theme through means of a cantor-congregation, response-dialogue with musical influences reminiscent of Hindemith and Stravinsky.

Thus, the climax was thrilling; not only because of Schenkman's confidently rich, dramatic yet also sublimely sensitive tone, but also because of Ms Gaylord's instinctive comprehension of the sense of congregational response. Twenty-eight years following its initial composition, Weinzweig's **Sonata** remains a major classic.

Felix Mendelssohn's **Variations Concertantes** was another memorable portion of the concert, again partly due to Ms Gaylord's effortless, dramatic rendition of the often-difficult piano part which is much more than just an accompaniment.

The inexplicably neglected Beethoven **Sonata in C Major** gave Schenkman a splendid opportunity to admirably exhibit his rich resonance in the lower registers, which requires expert tonal control that only the very best cellists possess.

An interesting contrast to the textural sophistication of the Weinzweig **Sonata** was provided by the purer cantorial-Chassidic-folkloric thematic dominance of both Ernest Bloch's liturgical-style **Prayer** and Srul Irving Glick's **Prayer and Dance**.

In both these works, Peter Schenkman's tone sounded all-confident yet supremely empathetic in the most poignant Yiddishe Tam tradition.

It was too bad that Ms Gaylord used excessive pedal for Bach's **Sonata in G Minor**. Since this piece was written originally for harpsichord, the piano part should have been played with sparse pedal. As she played it, the piano sounded muddy and at times drowned out the delicate smoothness which Bach intended for the cello part and which Schenkman perfectly evoked.

In every other selection, her accompaniment was most admirable in every way; and this included her backup to Bela Bartok's **First Rhapsody**, a boisterous fusion of Hungarian folk dance and late impressionistic chord progressions, which both she and Schenkman performed with appropriate romantic gusto: a fitting end to a splendid concert that concluded Beth Tzedec's 5737 Major Artists' Series on a very high note indeed.

THE CHAI EYE: Why are the Israeli Georgian-Jewish folk dancers, who are appearing in Montreal, not also appearing in Toronto? — Those who missed the Toronto premiere of Iannis Xenakis's **N'Shima**, the most significant Jewish-content serious musical work of recent times, can hear it on CBC-FM radio July 12; check local listings for scheduling — the recent Leonard Bernstein festival in Israel was a success — let's hope that the World Union of Jewish Students-Network convention being held in Toronto in mid-June will devote ample time for adequate discussion of the role of the Jewish media and Jewish creative arts as the vehicles for promotion of positive Jewish consciousness today.

Media attacked

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"The Middle East conflict, almost by definition, causes the polarization of attitudes. Often beliefs are held in defiance of factual evidence to the contrary."

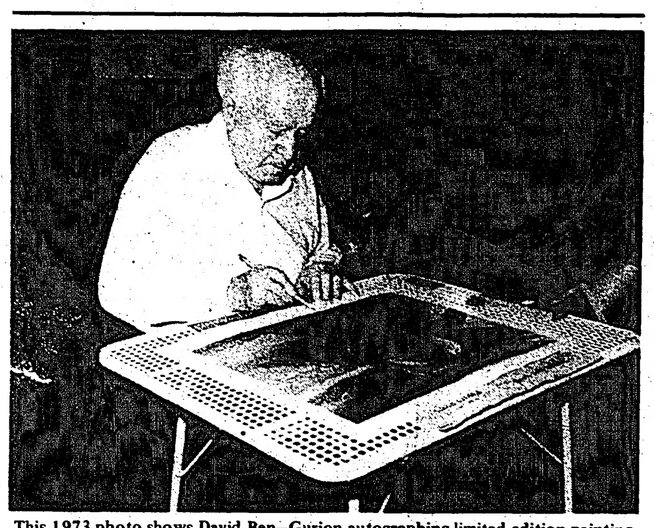
He said the media is big business whose product is news, "which is not to be confused with information or facts. The media manipulates raw information in order to sell the finished product" — a product which surveys show the public is dissatisfied with.

Among other speakers at the CIC workshop were Howard Stanislawski, Ottawa office director, Co-chairman Rabbi Gunther Plaut and National Director Myer Bick.

Generally speaking, Bick said in his address, there has been erosion of Canada's position on the Middle East. The country has changed its attitude on certain significant elements raised at the UN.

Bick warned his audience that in an era of difficult economic times, Canada must conduct a program of maximum trade with the world including the Arab oil producing states. The Middle East, he said, still serves as a major reservoir to fuel western economies.

He explained his agency presents the views of the Jewish community to the non-Jewish community. "Too often, non-Jews don't understand the special relationship of Jews to Israel," said the Montreal-based professional.



This 1973 photo shows David Ben-Gurion autographing limited edition painting by U.S. artist Herbert Davidson. It will be auctioned in Temple Har Zion art show.

Temple to hold art show

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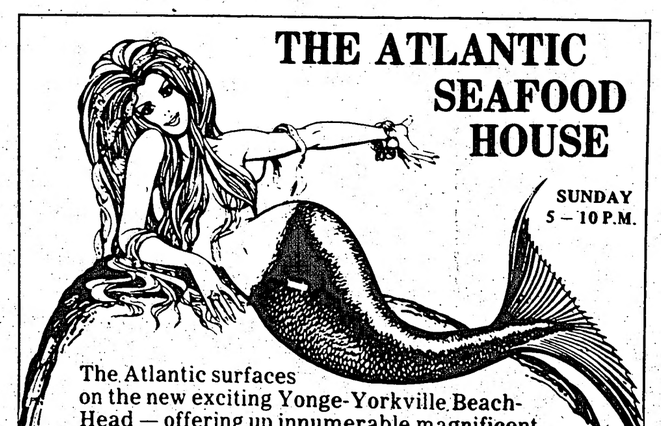
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By CHARLES LAZARUS

Israel must be the most frustrating country in the world.

At the same time, it must be the most satisfying country, if you keep your wits about you in coping with your frustration.

It is frustrating for the tourist, particularly the first-timer, because from the minute of arrival, he is so overwhelmed with a variety of scenic and man-made attractions, that exhaustion sets in just thinking about what surrounds him.

It is satisfying, on the other hand, with recognition that this little country has so wide a choice to suit every person's taste, that the decision can be closely fitted to the visitor's needs and desires.

Let us, for example, deal with Israel as a country of culture, particularly the performing arts, since who would think that a nation so small and so young could provide the kind of events usually featured in the European centres of far senior years and experience.

To start with, there is probably no country in the world that is so full of cultural events per capita as is Israel, and there is hardly an event in Israel, set anywhere from Eilat to Safad, that isn't sold out almost within hours after it is announced.

The high point, of course, of Israel's performing arts takes place during the height of the tourist season, as well it should.

It is called simply the "Israel Festival" and runs for approximately one month from mid-July to mid-August.

During this period, the main events take place in Israel's three main cities — Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa — and for a special treat, there is Ceasarea, the open-air Roman amphitheatre between Tel Aviv and Haifa, where you can enjoy the best in music and dance in an atmosphere of breathtaking antiquity.

Still another feature of the Israel Festival, reflecting Israel's incredible sense of sophisticated universalism despite its preoccupation with the reality of security and the fantasy of serenity, is that the performers reflect a cross-section of the international community of the arts.

As an example, two of the highlights of the Israel Festival took place in 1975 and 1976, pointing to the kind of major league concerts made available at prices ultimately reasonable, and of a quality that one could find in New York, Toronto and Montreal.

In 1975, there were concerts of Canadian jazz giant Oscar Peterson, and the brilliant British jazz vocalist Cleo Lane and her equally brilliant husband and his musical group, John Dankworth's Trio.

In 1976, there was an evening of ballet in the Binyanei Ha'ooma featuring the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in the contemporary genre, and Galina and Valery Panov with the classical pas de deux.

This year there is a wide choice of events as usual, beginning with the Beethoven symphony cycle on July 16 in Jerusalem.

Other highlights of the festival include:

— Beethoven's Ninth at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and featuring the Canadian Jon (cq) Vickers and the Israel Philharmonic.

— Beethoven's opera **Fidelio** with Zubin Mehta conducting at Israel Philharmonic, in the open-air amphitheatre at Ceasarea overlooking the Mediterranean.

— The Bat-Sheva Dance Company in Jerusalem with the Panovs, July 18.

— The Habimah Theatre in "Simple Story" by Nobel laureate S.Y. Agnon, in Tel Aviv July 24-25.

— Grand Ballet du Tahiti in Haifa July 26.

— Zubin Mehta conducting the Israel Philharmonic July 26 in an open air concert at Tel Aviv.

— In Haifa on August 11 there will be a Bach, Schoenberg, and Stravinsky program with the Stuttgart Radio Symphony.

— South Africa's Zulu Company will present the Umbatha Theatre in "Macbeth", August 13.

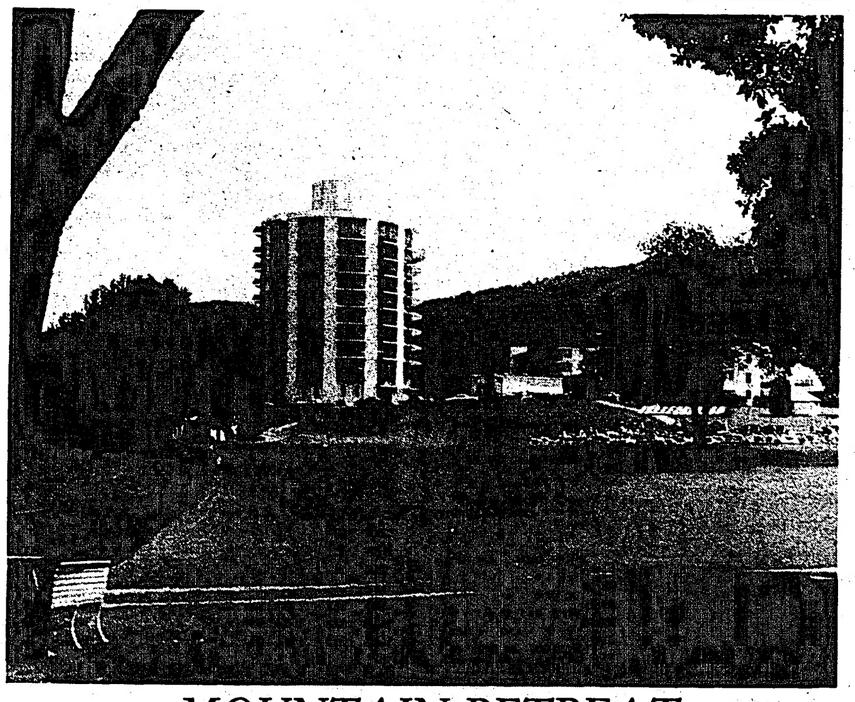
Etc., etc., etc., except that special note should be taken that on August 8 in Haifa, the Stuttgart Symphony will present Brahms First Symphony and Beethoven's First Piano Concerto with the winner of the Second Artur Rubinstein Piano Competition as the soloist.

Some points to remember:

Artists and unforeseen circumstances being what they are, it is advisable to make your choices and confirm the dates, immediately on your arrival in Israel.

Also when you go, get there on time; Israelis are so culture conscious, they race to grab the choicest locations as soon as the doors open.

In any case, information is available by contacting even now, or on arriving in Israel, the festival office at Migdal Shalom, Post Office Box 29874, in Tel Aviv. The phone number is area code 03 (dialable from anywhere in Israel), and the number 54933.



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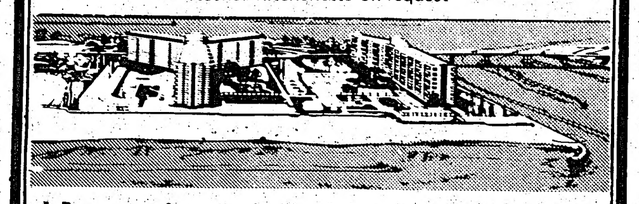
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give me short-term satisfaction, but would prove counter-productive to the real matters which concern you and I." Mrs. Carr told the plenary she didn't understand this paragraph and that she had sent Danson a second letter on May 10 asking him to explain what he meant.

The letter also asked Danson to share any information he had about Syrian Jews with the committee as this would "contribute substantially to our understanding of the situation and help us to determine our ongoing course of action."

Mrs. Carr asked for a reply which she could read to the plenary but said Danson had not answered her May 10 letter.

MP Robert Kaplan, who was in attendance at the session, apparently took Mrs. Carr's remarks as an attack on Danson and declared that the defence minister is a deeply committed Jew who serves Canadian Jewry well. Parliamentary secretary to the finance minister, he said Danson was at a NATO command meeting in Brussels and that was why he had not answered Mrs. Carr's second letter.

Earlier in the session Mrs. Carr outlined the work of the Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, which is privately funded by the Dr. Ronald Feld Foundation. The Canadian Jewish Congress finances only printing and postage costs.

Rabbi Stephen Goldrich, of Euclid, Ohio, who visited Syria and Egypt in February with a clergyman's study mission, said there are only 180 Jews left in Cairo — all over the age of 55 — and another 70 in Alexandria. The Egyptian Jews are sustained by funds left by Jews who fled the country.

The major concern of the Jews still in Egypt is what will happen to their Torahs and other sacred objects when they all die off and they want Jews on the outside to help save the Torahs. Egyptian authorities claim the Torahs are "antiquities" and won't let them be shipped out of Egypt.

Goldrich said Egyptian Jews can leave the country if they wish but that is not the case with the 4,500 Syrian Jews of all ages, who are virtual prisoners. The rabbi said 90% of the Syrian Jews would emigrate if they were allowed to. Fifty percent of the Syrian Jews live on bread and soup.

Goldrich said Syria appears to be modifying its position towards Jews but claimed this was superficial and merely a public relations gesture towards Canada and the United States. He said every effort must be made to get the Jews out of Syria and he called for intensive pressure on governments.

Plaut unopposed

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Lou Ronson said he knew of no organization that has functioned under a dual leadership. "Dual leadership is no leadership," he claimed.

Despite protests to the contrary by Cotler and Plaut, Congress Secretary J. Sydney Midanik of Toronto summed up the views of the majority when he said, "this is a personal problem, not an organizational problem. I would have thought two talented people would have not made it necessary for the delegates to find the solution. The solution should have been one wins, one loses. This is a time for one strong voice."

Arguing strongly for co-presidents was Satok. "We live in difficult times, perhaps the most difficult we have ever faced as Canadians. The times sometimes call for radical solutions. If it doesn't work, throw them out. If two people feel they can work together and do a proper job, it should have our support. Give this approach a try, let's not be afraid of innovation."

Milton Harris, Toronto Jewish Congress president, said the Jewish community should be "proud that our two most outstanding leaders today have decided to run together."

Speaking against a co-presidency, past president Sydney Harris said: "Although I respect the abilities and personalities of both candidates, I do not think it is in the best interests of Canadian Jewry to have co-presidents. It is divisive, it recognizes a duality that does not exist, should not exist and must not be perceived to exist."

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4 bedrooms, Tudor house, lovely walkout, family room, pool sized lot. Central air-conditioning. Call Hillary Cohen, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Old Yonge
For you to appreciate quality this superb 4 bedroom bungalow will give you the feeling of owning a genuine masterpiece. Impeccable taste and decor will please the most discriminating. Enjoy resort luxury in your own backyard with a beautifully designed pool and professionally landscaped garden with wrought-iron fencing, walkout to patio and pool from both living and family room. A true beauty. Call Mrs. Lee Landsberg, 226-9440.

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Indoor Kidney Shaped Pool
$450,000. Custom built, splendidly constructed, beautifully detailed hand-pegged floors, architectural windows, skylights, cantilevered kitchen overlooking indoor pool, completely private master suite with its own whirlpool bath, sauna, sitting room, roof garden and fireplace, of course. Ultra kitchen featuring indoor barbeque and conversation alcove. Everything! Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Old Colony Rd.
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Situated on beautiful ½ acre ravine lot, among the finer homes in York Mills Gardens — the quality of this home is best detected by the exquisite taste shown throughout. Must be seen to be appreciated. Call Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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$154,900. Magnificent 2 storey home, 4 good-sized bedrooms, completely finished lower level. In-ground pool overlooks greenbelt. Excellent for entertaining. Call 226-9440. Mary Siegel.

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$245,000. Gracious tudor home offers the ultimate in a prestigious location. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths on second floor, separate living & dining room, fabulous oak staircase. Francis Alter, 226-9440.

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$75,000 down. 1 open mtge. Custom built luxury backsplit, 4 bdrms, huge living & dining, large family rm, open fireplace, super kitchen, maid's quarters, 2 car garage, prestige location. Just listed. Mrs. Seidman, (416) 635-1170.

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Leslie-York Mills
$153,300. Beautiful 4 bdrm 2 storey family rm, fireplace, mod kitchen, brdlm, drapes. A pleasure to show. Mrs. Benegbi, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst Manor
$97,900. Huge 3 bdrm split bungalow, master ensuite, fully finished bsmt, central air, lovely lot with fruit trees. Mrs. Eidlitz, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Steeles
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Lower Forest Hill First Offering—Duxvegan Rd
$259,900. I have just listed this 3 storey spacious family home on exceptional 175'

home on exceptional 175' deep private property. Generous centre hall provides grand principal rooms & modernised kitchen — 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & book-shelved study on second — open staircase to the third with large playroom, 2 more bedrooms plus 3-piece bath — new furnace, new roof, full finished basement. Sheila Allen-Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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Lower Village
A Very Special First Offering!
$169,500. An imposing stone front "Tudor" 5 bedroom home on 2 floors, providing a huge amount of living area, with excellent separation for all the family activities. Spacious foyer, large living & dining rooms, main panelled family & powder rooms. Leaded windows, completed rec room. This superior property will measure up to your expectations. Please call Florence Skelly, 488-6666 or 922-3639.

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$159,000. Seventh level luxury 2 bedrooms plus study — quiet ravine outlook — 2 indoor garages, doorman, pool, etc. This suite includes ceramic floored dining room, chocolate brown carpeted living room, study, lovely window treatments. For viewing, call Sheila Allen-Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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Upper Forest Hill Village
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15 Wembley Road
$149,000. Come see and fall in love with our happy home that has outgrown us! 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, sunken living room, main floor powder room and den with built-ins, complete second kitchen on rec room level, huge rec room leading to patio. Fully draped and broadloomed, many extras. Days 781-6631, evenings and weekends 782-5731 or 789-2103.

Bathurst-Finch
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Lower Village
$145,900. Best buy — ready for immediate possession. This newly decorated 2-storey tudor home with attached garage features 3 large bedrooms, master with bath ensuite, lion-sized den for dad, up-dated kitchen with adjoining bright breakfast room, 3 baths, finished lower level. Owner leaves for Europe next week. All offers presented. Don't miss! Call Esther Axelrod, 484-9111 or res. 782-7877.

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2 Storey — 7 Bedrooms
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Lower Village
Handsome 2 storey stone Georgian located in prime location with almost ½ acre lot. Marble reception hall opens to generous size principal rooms including panelled family room on main. Circular stairwell leads to 6 bedrooms & 3 full bathrooms, 2 powder rooms, high panelled lower level, central air. Rena or Barry Tsur, 789-4325.

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Glen Cedar & Strathearn
First time offered. A very spacious 2 storey, 4 bedroom family home. Centre hall styling, main floor boasts Old English panelled den with fireplace. Master has huge bathroom ensuite. Large square kitchen with separate roomy breakfast nook. Superb location — loads of charm & character. Michelle Levy, 789-4325.

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Glencairn & Bathurst Area
$12[illegible],500. Stunning centre hall, 2 storey, 4 bedroom home has delightful kitchen with separate dinette (10' x 11'), panelled family room on main floor. This home is very bright & well kept. Master has 3-piece ensuite & walk-in closet. Central air, pool-size garden, preferred location. Renee Bald. 789-4325.

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Bathurst & Eglinton Splendid

$169,000. Fully modernized & decorated in most appealing elegant taste. This stone front 2 storey residence enjoys an inviting main floor centre hall plan with powder room & family room. 2 walkouts, fireplace & ultra kitchen. 5 bedrooms on 2nd, large master has ensuite washroom. Large modern walkout basement, separate maid's room off main floor. A comfortable family home. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Chaplin Estates — Pool
$149,500. A true find within walking distance to subway, incorporating a townhouse concept within the shell of a stunning 3 bedroom detached home. Beautiful country style kitchen, magnificent corner fireplace in living room, walk-out to beautiful kidney shaped pool & fruit trees. Modernized washrooms, open beamed family room in lower level. Other exciting features. Renee Bald. 789-4325.

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Near Bloor & Bay. 1,800 sq. ft. of beautiful living space. 2 excellent bedrooms plus study connecting great living room. Balconies provide "secure garden" overlooking ravine, marble bathroom and super dressing room makes master complete. Panelling, stone floors & other expensive treatments. Debbie McCrimmon, 789-4325.

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Bayview-Steeles
$138,000. This captivating 4-bedroom, 2 storey home nestled on a ½ acre lot provides an ideal setting for the growing family. Features include large living room with open fireplace, family-sized dining room, large Hollywood kitchen. Main floor den, 3 baths, and large professionally finished rec room. Mr. Cooper, 789-3473.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
$74,900. This sparkling and spacious 3 bedroom detached stone-front bungalow will delight the purchaser desiring this quiet location. Good financing. Joe Taylor, 789-3473.

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Don Mills-Steeles — $109,000
Beautiful 2-storey, 4-bdrm., attached double garage. Hollywood kitchen, central air, main flr. laundry & powder rm., fireplace, walkout, broadloom, 3 baths, 9¾% mtge. Excellent terms, 3 yrs. new! Mrs. Lipton, 636-5200.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
Luxury 3 bdrm. condo, apt. Den, utility rm., 2 baths, central air, 2 parking spaces, many indoor facilities, steps to all conveniences. Mrs. Baker, 636-5200.

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Bathurst-Wilson — $66,900
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Bathurst-Wilson — $72,900
Lovely 6 rooms, solid brick, 2 baths, pool-sized lot, broadloomed, drapes, steps to all conveniences. Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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Eglinton-Ridelle Condominium
Luxury, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, custom drapes & broadloom throughout, appliances, pool, sauna, health club. Excellent financing. Move-in condition. Owner leaving city. Helen Solnik, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Glencairn $96,900
Beautiful 6 room, 2-storey, spacious living & dining rooms, ultra-modern kitchen, main floor powder room, den & family room with walkout to garden. Central air, broadloom, drapes, appliances. Move-in condition. Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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Betty Ann-Sheppard
Large 3 bedroom bungalow, professionally finished, in most desirable area. This property has all the extras including 2 open fireplaces. Priced for immediate sale. Carl Kozick, 789-7138.

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Lawrence-Marlee $123,900
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Upper Forest Hill — $148,500
Spacious 8-room, 2-storey, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, main floor den, walkout to garden, finished basement, appliances. Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Lawrence
Spotless extra-large 5-room bungalow, pool-sized lot, attached 1½-car garage, 2 baths, professionally finished basement with 2nd kitchen. Steps to synagogues and all amenities. Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Lawrence $87,900
Spacious 6 room bungalow, pool-sized lot, attached garage, master has ensuite, 2 other baths, finished basement with second kitchen, broadloomed, drapes, appliances. Move-in condition. Helen Solnik, 789-7138.

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Aspenwood Dr. 1 block east of Leslie, s. of Steeles. About 2,800 sq. ft. On ravine! 4 bedroom, 2 storey, also 2-levels. Double garage, central air. From $114,000. Ida Weisfeld, 633-[illegible].

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Bayview-Fiveshire 5 Bedrooms
Under 2 storey on beautiful lot. Room for pool & tennis court, circular staircase, cedar deck patio, ground level basement. 3,300 sq. ft. Or 2 levels. Owners have bought! Asking $229,000. Ruth Trachter, 633-[illegible].

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Clyde & Wilson
Spacious 5 room house, attached garage, partly finished basement, easy financing. Priced to sell! Pearl Grossman, 633-[illegible].

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Bathurst Manor
$30,000 down to 1 mtge., 3 bedroom bungalow, modernized kitchen, large master bedroom, 3 bedroom panelled or den. Basement apt., central air. Worth inspecting! Mr. Pike, 633-[illegible].

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Bathurst-Wilson 6 Room Bungalow
Central air, new broadloom throughout, family size living & dining rooms, plus lower level kitchen, bedrooms, living room plus 3 pc. powder room. Garage, steps to bus. Pearl Dennis, 633-[illegible].

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Bathurst-Sheppard 2 Bedroom & Den
Beautifully decorated condominium apt., central air, steps to shopping, TTC & YMHA. Mr. S. Grossman, 633-[illegible].

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Bathurst-Invermay Centre Hall Bungalow
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Bathurst-Lawrence
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Bathurst & Eglinton $114,500
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Forest Hill — Swimming Pool
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Briar Hill-Caldow
New listing. Spacious center hall plan home with 4 bedrooms (master ensuite), main floor powder room, beautiful library with walkout to garden, finished lower level, central air. Asking $139,500. Call Shirley Bassin, 483-4337.

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Denlow — New Listing
Asking $164,500. Quality and beauty throughout, unique oak staircase, main floor family room with hardstone floor to ceiling fireplace, super modern kitchen with walkout to pool-size garden, 4 super bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. Lower level is completely finished in modern decor with wet bar, central air. Call Julie Szymanski, 483-4337.

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York Mills & Leslie
Exciting and unique 2 storey home in absolute move-in condition. There's 4 bedrooms (master ensuite), modern kitchen, main floor laundry room plus powder room, breathtaking family room with stunning brick fireplace and walkout to pool-size garden. Beautiful broadloom throughout. Exceptional value. Don't miss this one. Call Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337 or 445-6923.

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Own your "private park" with its tall oak trees (50' x 174'). Impressive fieldstone facade. 2 storey residence. Main floor boasts king size living room, enclosed porch, spacious family kitchen with breakfast area. Den, 3 bedrooms, master ensuite. Updated bathrooms, circuit breakers, 2 stone open fireplaces, ample storage throughout. Priced to sell. Asking $139,500. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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New Townhouse — Central
$127,500. Custom built, 3 bedrooms, den with walkout to deck. Open 2nd landing sitting room-lounge, central air, finished rec room, 2½ washrooms. Fully detached home. Marion Davis, 789-4325.

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Ranch Bungalow — Irvine Timberlane Drive
New listing. On a very exclusive street in central-north location overlooking golf course & backing onto woodsy ravine. Six excellent bedrooms, library, king-size kitchen & separate laundry. Super rec room, gym & sauna. Extra features, cathedral ceiling, central air. Asking $239,000. Renee Bald. 789-4325.

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Bayview-Finch
$139,900. For the young at heart, a family home, spaciously planned with comfort in mind. 4 bedrooms on 2nd, panelled den on main. Extra-wide lot with in-ground heated pool. Syma Solomon, 789-4325.

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Lovely Ridelle Ave. Near Bathurst
$189,000. Just listed. A lovely contemporary 2 storey, well-maintained home with main floor panelled den. Natural wood kitchen (24' x 10'). 4 bedrooms, 4 washrooms, fully finished panelled basement with parquet floor. Central air, beautiful garden, open hallways, several walkouts. Mara Roeback, 789-4325.

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$76,500. Exclusive semi, 3 bedroom, fireplace, sundeck, king size master bdrm with 3 pc. ensuite, located on an extremely quiet crescent. Tremendous value. Call Mr. Soberman, 661-3640.

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Bathurst & Steeles
Immaculate 3 bdrm. split with main family rm., 3 baths, large living-dining rms, great kitchen, 2 car garage. Asking $127,500. S. Farb, 661-3640.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
4 plex, 5 rms. each. Excellent condition, appliances, 4 garages. Owner occupied. Call Rose Goldbar, 661-3640.

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Bathurst-Glencairn
4 bdrm, 2 storey huge ultra modern kitchen, 3 baths, finished basement, excellent for office of doctor, dentist, etc. Call Rose Goldbar, 661-3640.

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Bathurst-Neptune
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Bathurst-Sheppard
5 bdrm. sidesplit, modern kitchen, rec rm, wet bar, 2 baths, garage, shopping, synagogue, TTC. Call Rose Goldbar, 661-3640.

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Bayview-Cummer — $145,000
Spanish motif courtyard completes this contemporary 4 bdrm, 2 storey brick home. Main floor family (fireplace) & laundry rm., completely professionally finished basement, 36' x 18' in-ground pool, upgraded broadloom, custom draperies, 5 appliances & numerous extras. Call Mr. Soberman, 661-3640.

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Great Value — Lot 45' x 150'
Lawrence-Bathurst. $10-15,000 down, 9¾% mtge. 3 bdrms, good sized living & dining rms., study or den, eat-in kitchen, panelled rec rm., all copper, new wiring, new garage plus carport. Fruit-treed garden. $74,500. Laura Shugar, 226-6390 or 782-7362.

Thornhill Executive
2 Storey — 4 Bedrooms
$109,500. On quiet crescent, spacious kitchen with large eating area, panelled family room, open fireplace, walkout to pool-sized lot, 4-piece master ensuite, main floor laundry, 2-car garage, central air. Joel Kaplansky, 223-2110.

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Bathurst-Sheppard Detached Bungalow
2-bedroom home, tasteful decor, excellent condition, bright modern kitchen with large breakfast area, completely finished basement apt., steps to TTC and synagogues. Owner to hold mtge. at low rate. Joel Kaplansky, 223-2110.

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Chiltern Hill-Warwick
$132,000. Lovely family home, centre hall, 4 bedrooms, master ensuite, main floor family room, finished basement, central air, priced to sell. Call Bob, 783-2047 or 447-5551.

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Bathurst-Dewlane
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Media whiz kid Moses Znaimer makes his own opportunities

By TOBA KORENBLUM

CITY–TV President Moses Znaimer

TORONTO — He's been pinned with the labels flamboyant entrepreneur, media whiz kid, prodigious upstart, boat rocker — and behind the carefully, gauntly-tailored pinstripe suit of a showman, Moses Znaimer is conspicuously and unabashedly just that.

"Most entrepreneurs will tell you they're in it for the big return," says, the president of CITY-TV. "There's no question the big return has to be there to justify the maniacal costs, but if an entrepreneur is really an entrepreneur, he's in it because he likes it."

And Znaimer has liked it enough to have dipped his finger into the communications pie and pulled out half-a-dozen plums: TV producer-director, on-camera host, recording studio manager, theatrical angel and future film financier.

A product of Montreal's St. Urbain Street area — the colorfully warm, yet hard-knocks neighborhood of another upstart, Duddy Kravitz — he talks about Yiddishkeit and Gemarah in the same mouthful as his latest media coup. A bilingual (Hebrew, English) sign, reading simply "Moses", is tacked to the stark black door to his Queen Street office. While not an "organization" Jew, he becomes defensive and assertive when asked about the importance of his "roots."

In his choked full, crescent-shaped room, Znaimer, a real charmer with sheepish-intense eyes, keeps a file of black and white glossies on hand, each pose exuding a different image: coy, business-like, seductive, sincere.

"You have to be bloody-minded, and a little stupid. You have to be frivolous in a peculiar way, while being deadly earnest," he continues, describing the qualities of what he considers the archetypal entrepreneur, a dying breed. On a low table, adjacent to the waist-high glass wall overlooking one of the station's studios, lies a toy wood airplane and **After I Was 60**, the autobiography of the consummate entrepreneur Lord Thomson of Fleet.

In his latest venture, Znaimer, along with show business lawyer Garth Drabinsky, was the principal backer (to the tune of $35,000) of the Tom Stoppard comedy hit **Travesties**, which completed a two-week run recently after mixed reviews. Interviewed on the day the show opened, he calmly said Toronto can support a viable commercial enterprise without primarily "being a tenant to Broadway shows".

And it doesn't take rave reviews either. Despite a lukewarm critical reception, **Miss Margarida**, a theatrical vehicle for his roommate Marilyn Lightstone, which he financed with $14,000, turned a handsome profit.

Undaunted by the cynics who malign Canadian cultural enterprises before they're off the drawing board, Znaimer is backing a Charlottetown Festival production, **The Road to Charlottetown**, an "affectionate" musical by singer-folklorist Cedric Smith of Perth County Conspiracy fame, based on a book by Milton Acorn. He's also plunging into films, acquiring the screen rights to Richard Rohmer's pedestrian bestsellers **Ultimatum** and **Exoneration**, for an undisclosed yet tidy sum.

Znaimer's business acumen is based on the theory that if you can't find an opportunity go out and make one. While most businessmen are content to work themselves up the corporate ladder to a coveted vice-presidency after 15 years, he jumps from one venture to the next, like a kid in a candy store, with barely a gulp of air in between.

After a successful CBC career in radio and television public affairs, most notably as producer-director and host of **Take Thirty** and **The Way It Is**, the Harvard Ivy leaguer dabbled in record production as general manager of Thunder Sound studio before co-founding CITY-TV.

In six years, he vaulted the channel's concept into what he now calls "its mature, if not teenaged" phase: caustic Morty Shulman, breezy Brian Linehan, multiculturalism and a good blob of American re-runs. Some describe it as innovative, others as failing to live up to its ideals of providing fresh imaginative local programing.

"If you have a deep abiding need for universal affection, then you need not be in this business," he says with equanimity. And then he launches into a tirade against the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) for "changing the rules in midstream" with regard to local coverage, to pump blood into an ailing Global network. (Ironically and unpredictably, Znaimer snared the talents of his nemesis, Global's Al Bruner, shortly after the interview.)

"I wasn't going to be a noble failure," he says, admitting the channel divested itself of its loss leader local shows. "There was no question of a significant and deliberate erosion in our capacity to do our job." In the coming season, CITY, he promises, will experience a renaissance with an increase in the quality and quantity of local news and public affairs.

When confronted with the subject of the defunct Mosaic show, Znaimer turned critic and lamented the Jewish program's fate, putting the blame on the community for its failure to rally to the show's dying hours. "I did that show out of love and for a nostalgic old relationship with things Yiddish. I know more about Yiddishkeit than the Yiddish bourgeoisie in this town," he says, adding, "I never had the blessing of the official establishment."

Claiming the corporate elite of Toronto's Jewry were "breathtakingly shortsighted" in failing to back the show commercially, he calls the reaction to **Mosaic**'s closure "hypocritical and crocodile tears". Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee, he charges, both turned down the opportunity of salvaging "the station's pet" and an offer to air it through a Montreal outlet.

He's not shy in characterizing "what makes Moses run". "You can learn a lot about yourself in this business....The man who never takes risks can be assured of doing well." Reminiscing on his various media "reincarnations", he says coolly: "I'm a person who likes to realize a notion from zero...."

Free society stressed in presidential address

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In a major address to a workshop session on community relations, Toronto Rabbi Jordan Pearlson said if Quebec separates, there'll be an era of assertion of British values, the English language and increased linkage with the Commonwealth.

Chairman of the Central Region Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith, he said Canada, following the Levesque election, is in a resurgent Anglo-Saxon era. He explained if Quebec separates, the need for continuation of separate Catholic privilege disappears.

"What we have in Quebec is a massive minority totally insensitive to the goals of other minorities," he said. Noting Levesque's plenary address, he observed, "you become what you resist."

He warned in the strongest possible terms against "intemperate utterances" by Jews on the Quebec situation.

Turning to the question of co-operation with East European groups, the Temple Sinai rabbi said "we should proceed with caution and look at any initiation of joint action carefully. We should begin with early tentative relations."

Lawyer Sidney Cotler of Montreal told 85 persons at the session that Congress should not jump into any matter not of purely Jewish concern without knowing the full implications. "We should not respond on matters except for human rights. What is discriminatory today for another community might become discriminatory for us."

Joel Pinsky of Montreal, chairman of the Eastern Region JCRC, called for a "soft" and rational approach on Quebec by the leadership.

He urged them to write everything out before making any statement. And he called on those outside Quebec not to be quoted on the Quebec Jewish scene.

National JCRC Chairman Jacie Horowitz of Toronto said there is very little emanation of anti-Semitism in Canada.

Judge Sydney Harris, in his final presidential report, also touched on the question of human rights. He recommended consideration be given to widen CJC horizons of activity on the local Canadian scene, "if we are to be true to our own selves and our own traditions."

He said: "How zealous are we with regard to the rights of native peoples in Canada, the Indians and the Inuit? How concerned are we about abuses of the social welfare system? How vocal are we as Jews about the issue of abortion, capital punishment, ecology and the environment?

"How angry do we get when the objects of racial prejudice are Pakistanis and West Indians, black people and Orientals, rather than Jews? How frequently do we raise our voices against injustice to non-Jewish minorities and individuals in other lands?'

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